

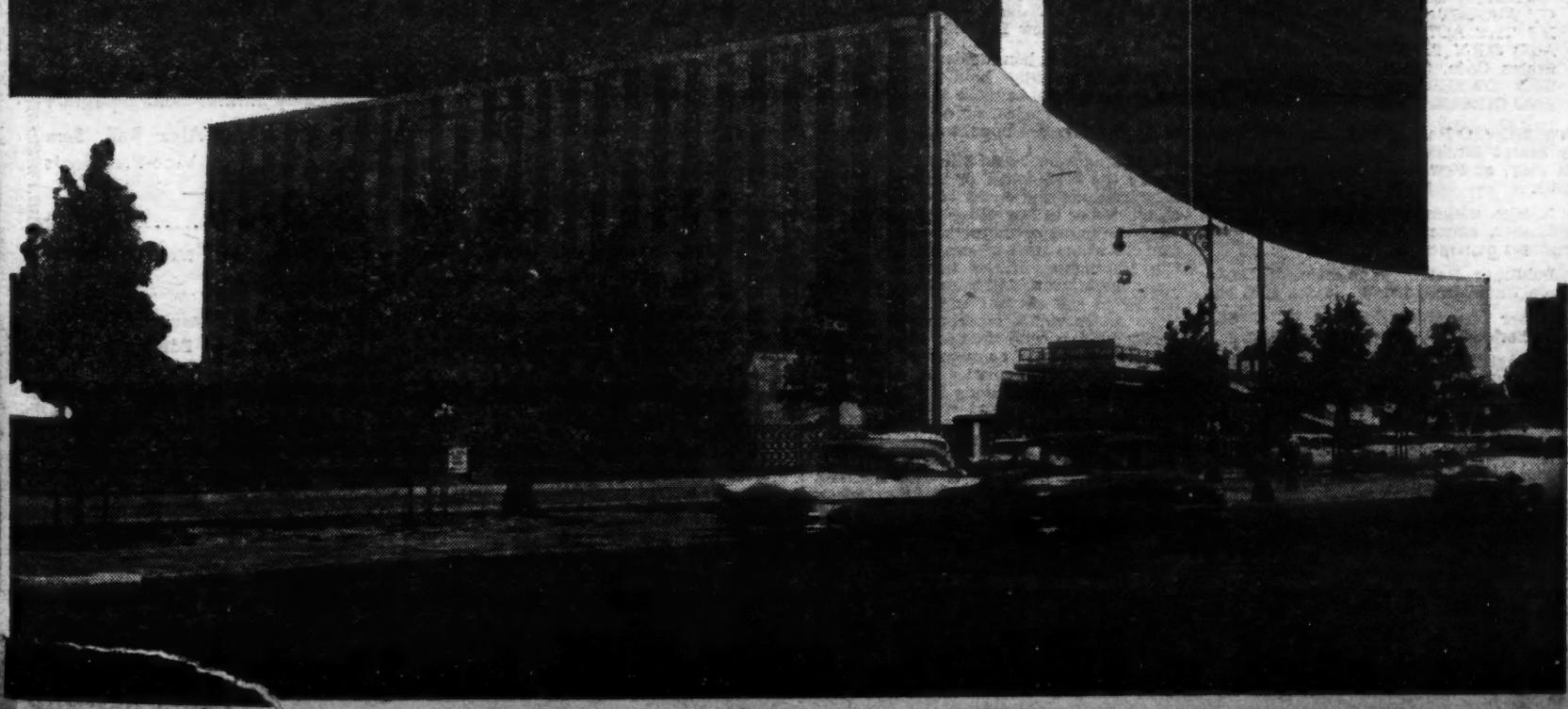
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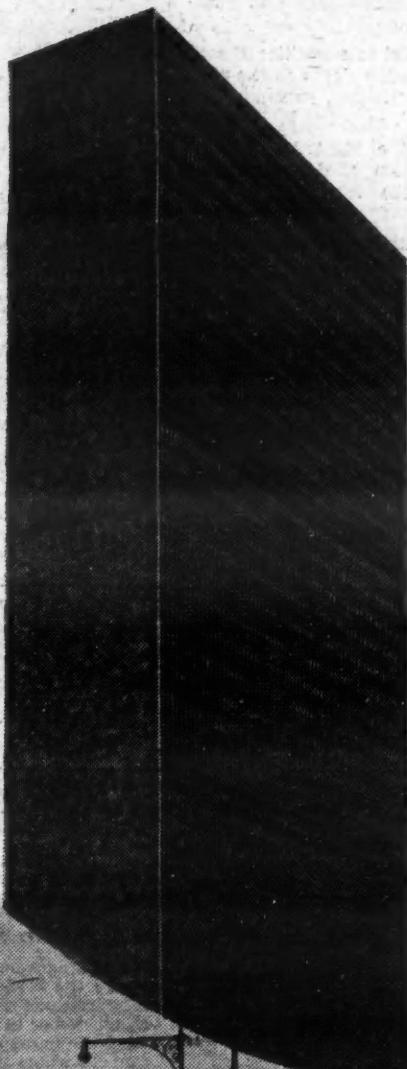


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# Union Leaders Join Protest on Threats to Civil Liberties

TERMINATION of all infringements of the Bill of Rights was demanded by 82 prominent Americans, including RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg, in a statement released on Sept. 25, anniversary of the day in 1789 on which Congress adopted the first 10 amendments to the Constitution.

Made public by Americans for Traditional Liberties as "An Open Letter to the American People," the statement noted that "perhaps for the first time in our history have such savage and sustained assaults been leveled at our traditional liberties."

"We can congratulate ourselves," it said, "that the deep democratic feelings of Americans found the force and expression to blunt and contain these attacks in time."

THE SIGNERS called on the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights to "probe every area of constitutional violations boldly," and listed nine "critical" major evils. These were:

- "The climate of fear which spawns conformity, makes dissent synonymous with disloyalty and supplants trust with suspicion."

- "The practice of certain congressional committees to arrogate to themselves powers as prosecutors and punitive bodies."

- "Defiant denial to minorities of such elementary citizenship rights as the vote, establishment of homes, unsegregated schools and travel."

- "Denial of the right to confront accusers. Deprivation of due process as exemplified by the Attorney-General's list."

- "The spreading octopus of loyalty oaths and investigations in areas not related to national security. Employment, solicitation and protection of professional political informers."

- "Refusal of passports, in contravention of a federal court decision that a passport is a natural right of citizens. Guilt by association, now extending to guilt by family relationships."

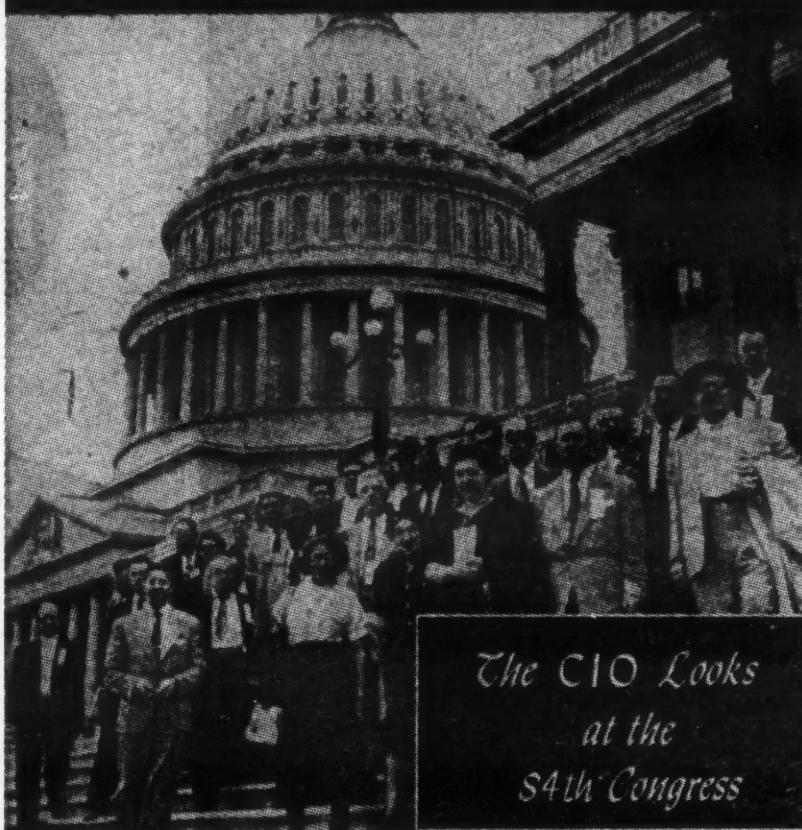
Other signers included Pres. Jacob S. Potsky of the CIO Clothing Workers; Sec.-Treas. Morris Iushewitz of the New York CIO Council; Assistant Dir. Tilford E. Dudley of the CIO Political Action

Committee; Pres. A. Philip Randolph of the AFL Sleeping Car Porters; Pres. Arthur Spingarn of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People; Roger N. Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union, and former Commissioner of Immigration Edward J. Coran.

Report On

## CONGRESS: '55



*The CIO Looks  
at the  
S4th Congress*

RWDSU DELEGATION to Washington made the cover of this pamphlet, just issued by CIO. This group on Capitol steps were some of 650 RWDSUers who went to Washington last April 19 to lobby for higher federal minimum wage and extension of coverage. It was the most effective rally ever organized by a single union.

## Reuther Hits Czech Arms Sale to Egypt

WASHINGTON, D.C.—CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther has voiced "grave concern" about "stimulation of an armament race in the Middle East" and urged United States and United Nations action for a regional security pact covering Israel and her Arab neighbors.

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Mr. Reuther condemned as "tragic" the recent announcement by Egypt that she will purchase sizable supplies of armaments from Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia.

The CIO President, recently returned from a trip to Israel and North Africa, proposed that the United Nations voice its opposition to the Egyptian arms purchase from Czechoslovakia and urge Israel and the Arab states to "explore all peaceful avenues for a settlement of their differences."

"The solution to the problem of security in the Middle East," Mr. Reuther said, "is not the unilateral stepping up of arms on the part of any country, but rather the conclusion of a mutual security pact in the area with all countries in the Middle East which are willing to enter into such an understanding. This would guarantee their borders and insure their peace and stability."

"This is a time when all reasonable men are seeking to ease world tension and to bring about a reduction in the heavy burden of armaments on all peoples of the world. It is urgent, therefore, to reverse the present developments which have occurred by this stimulation of an armament race in the Middle East and to take immediate practical steps designed to bring about an atmosphere in which peace and stability of the area is assured."

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Scene above, first printed in Sept. 4 issue of *The Record*, shows the rear of Woonsocket, R. I. City Hall during the flood. Mayor Kevin Coleman, whose own office was inundated, has welcomed RWDSU aid for his stricken city, which will be granted in form of helping to restore a playground in heart of tenement area.

**C**ONTRIBUTIONS by RWDSU locals and members responding to appeals for flood relief went over the \$20,000 mark last week, it was reported by Exec.-Sec. Jack Paley, and officers of the RWDSU, led by Pres. Max Greenberg, were making arrangements for a special project in flood-stricken Woonsocket, R. I. to be sponsored by the union.

The donations by RWDSUers included cash, food and clothing which were turned over to Red Cross, the Salvation Army and local authorities in the flooded areas, as well as contributions of money in response to Pres. Greenberg's request for aid to the CIO's flood relief campaign, some of which were listed in the Sept. 18 issue of *The Record*. Paley said that the International union had already forwarded funds to CIO Sec.-Treas. James Carey, chairman of the national campaign.

The balance of the RWDSU's flood relief fund will be used in restoring a children's playground and recreation park in Woonsocket which

## Relief Project in R. I. Planned by RWDSU

was buried under several feet of mud and almost totally wrecked by the flood that devastated the city last month. This project was selected after consultation with Regional Dir. Tom Leone and New England Joint Board Sec.-Treas. Nat Kushner. At their suggestion, Woonsocket was chosen as the target for the RWDSU's relief efforts.

Mayor Kevin K. Coleman was then consulted by RWDSU representatives, and he suggested that the playground, located in a congested working-class area which suffered the greatest flood damage, needed rehabilitation badly. He noted that while the government, the Red Cross and other agencies were providing funds to restore homes, factories and essential public services, there were no funds available for the playground. The Mayor added that the Lions Club of Woonsocket was raising money to do the job, but it was unlikely that this would cover even the cost of removing the silt under which the playground was still buried.

The Mayor said that city engineers were already at work drawing up blueprints, specifications and cost figures for the entire job of reclaiming the playground, and agreed to send these to the offices of the RWDSU as soon as they are complete, which will be in several weeks, so that union officers will have an opportunity to study the plans in detail before allocating flood relief funds for this purpose.

Meanwhile, District 65 in New York wound up its annual Community Fund Drive, through which members contribute to various community organizations, with a substantial amount of money earmarked for flood relief. Leaders of the union indicated that they would join with the International union in allocating these funds for the Woonsocket playground project.

In another flood relief development, Pres. Harry Rosenzweig and Business Agent George Surtes of Local 305, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., reported receipt of a letter from Salvation Army Envoy Lela Draper of Torrington, Conn., expressing appreciation for the union's contribution of \$8,000 worth of clothing, with which, she said, "we were able to perform miracles. That indeed was a real, real gift."

## Injunction Against District 65 Hits All Unions

## N. Y. Labor Angry at Court Ban on Picketing

NEW YORK CITY—An injunction that strikes at the very heart of nearly every union in New York State was handed down last week by State Supreme Court Justice Carroll G. Walter in a case involving District 65 of the RWDSU. The judge's ruling holds that picketing of a non-union employer—no matter how peacefully it is conducted—is unlawful.

District 65 Pres. David Livingston immediately announced that the union would appeal the decision. Denunciations of the injunction, which was handed down Oct. 10, quickly followed, led off by RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg's pledge that the International would back up District 65's fight "to the limit." Others who announced their intention of joining '65' in its appeal included the New York City CIO Council, the AFL Hotel Trades Council, and many local unions, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The case in which the injunction was granted involved Meltex, Inc., a small woolen goods jobber in Manhattan. With most woolen jobbers organized by '65', a campaign was begun last May to sign up non-union firms in the industry. Meltex employed only a salesman, a bookkeeper and a delivery boy. When the delivery boy joined the union, he was immediately fired, and the union began picketing in order to win his reinstatement. The company responded by applying for the injunction.

The judge's grounds for issuing the order stressed his theory that picketing could be banned if it is "coercive and oppressive and causes actual harm"—to the employer, that is. But Livingston pointed out that such picketing "has been declared legal by every court in this state and even by the U. S. Supreme Court." He noted that the real issue in the Meltex case was "that a worker after exercising his legal right to join a union was fired illegally and unjustly, and that the union picketed to obtain his reinstatement."

"There is no doubt whatever that this decision will be reversed on appeal. Our Union and no doubt other labor organizations will continue our efforts to re-affirm labor's historic right to picket as a legitimate exercise of free speech. Meanwhile, the Union's efforts to secure fair treatment for the discharged worker will continue in such ways as are open to us under the law," Livingston added.

An indication of the seriousness of the injunction was the treatment given it by the N. Y. Daily News, which has never been considered a particular friend of unions in this city. In addition to a front-page headline, the News story began: "A far-reaching and unprecedented decision yesterday rejected the traditional right of American labor unions to picket non-union plants," and called the ruling "far more drastic than anything handed down in the last 30 years in any New York State or Federal court."

# LABOR NEWS ROUNDUP

## NLRB Scuttles Witness

WASHINGTON—The NLRB has just turned its back on a worker who lost his job because he testified against his boss in an unfair labor practices case previously heard by the Board.

The ruling brought a hot blast of criticism from Abe Murdock, one of the last two remaining Truman-appointed members of the Board and of late a frequent dissenter against Board decisions.

Murdock called the result of the Board's decision "unjust and intolerable" and flatly accused the Board of abdicating "its responsibilities under the Act."

As he has done frequently in the past in jurisdiction cases, Murdock disagreed with the Board for refusing jurisdiction. But what really made him mad was the fact that:

a) the Board in 1954 accepted jurisdiction in an unfair labor practices case against the company,

b) subpoenaed the worker to testify, drawing from him testimony unfavorable to the employer,

c) later changed the standards under which it would accept jurisdiction, and

d) then refused to accept jurisdiction when the worker found himself fired for his unfavorable testimony against his boss.

"An orderly and responsible administration of the Act," Murdock said in his dissent, "requires that Board protect complainants and other witnesses appearing before it, to the limit of its powers. To do less undermines the authority of the Board and will result in difficulty in getting witnesses to testify in the future with the inevitable result that the Board will be hampered in its efforts to effectuate the policies of the Act."

The case involved Eugene Pedersen, a supervisory employee and the Modern Linen & Laundry Service of Rutland, Vt. The CIO Stone and Allied Products Workers were involved in the original case.

## Indiana Martial Law Hit

NEW CASTLE, Ind.—Labor the country over expressed anger at the imposition of martial law to protect scabs in the Perfect Circle strike in Indiana, and support mounted for the United Auto Workers' Union strikers.

Full martial law was prevailing here as National Guardsmen wielding bayonets escorted scabs into the struck foundry. The UAW-CIO's regional director declared that Perfect Circle might make piston rings with bayonets, "but the guys who install them use other equipment."

Hagerstown and Richmond, Ind., sites of other Perfect Circle plants, were also under martial law, although there had been no disturbances. Guardsmen were searching the cars of UAW members in Hagerstown, but were not interested in the scabs, some of whom have been brought in from Kentucky and Tennessee.

Eight persons were wounded in New Castle when strikebreakers inside the plant fired on union supporters demonstrating outside last week.

Meanwhile, both the Chrysler and Plymouth Divisions of the Chrysler Corp. have switched their contracts with Perfect Circle to other suppliers of piston rings. Chrysler says this is done whenever there is a labor-management dispute at a supplier plant.



**UNION LABEL ON MEN'S SHIRTS:** Two largest makers of men's shirts, Cluette, Peabody and Manhattan now carry label of CIO-Amalgamated Clothing Workers on their products. Marking occasion at Manhattan Plant in Paterson, N. J. are Charles Garrahan, manager of Shirt Workers Joint Board; Albert A. Dodds, Jr., Manhattan general production manager; Mary Kaminski, of ACWA Local 160; Howard E. Samuel, director, Amalgamated Union Label Committee.

## ACWA Hits Scab Airline

NEW YORK—A government program to bring 1,000 badly needed European tailors into the United States with the cooperation of industry and organized labor got off to a sour start when an Intergovernmental Committee chartered the strike-bound Flying Tiger Line to bring the first group in.

The action caused a strong protest by the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers who declined to meet the plane at the airport as had originally been planned, but nevertheless agreed to go ahead with its bargain to help the immigrants set started.

President A. J. Hayes of the AFL Machinists sent a telegram to President Jacob S. Potofsky of the CIO Clothing Workers congratulating him on his stand against the use of the Flying Tiger Line.

The first group consisting of 32 tailors and their families from Italy, Yugoslavia and North Africa arrived here despite union protests that the line is in the midst of a strike by the AFL Machinists. Amalgamated President Jacob S. Potofsky had asked that the Intergovernmental Committee shift the tailors to some other line, but his request was ignored.

Potofsky noted that the union wished "to make it perfectly clear that the ACWA will live up to all their obligations in helping provide work and assure a new life to these migrants under our collective bargaining agreements and providing all benefits that accrue from these agreements."

The tailors will get jobs with clothing manufacturers with whom the Amalgamated is under contract and will become members of the union under special arrangements.

Most of the tailors come from trouble-torn spots in southern Europe and the great majority are Italian or of Italian extraction. Some lost their homes during the war, others became refugees during the troubles between Italy and Yugoslavia over Trieste. They are coming to the United States under the Government Refugee Act.

There is an acute shortage of tailors in the United States and it is expected that the group will easily be absorbed into the industry.

## Birthday for Labor's Daily

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—Labor's Daily, sponsored by the AFL Typographical Union and only daily labor newspaper in the United States and Canada, celebrated its third anniversary on Sept. 16.

The newspaper carried a special supplement containing congratulatory messages from top political figures and labor leadership. The special supplement carried stories on the founding of the paper and significant news headlines that it has published during the past three years.

## TVA Wins U. S. Friends

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Six European labor journalists, on a 20 day tour of eight American cities, fell in love with the Tennessee Valley Authority and its program here.

Popular use of electrical appliances in Europe is lagging in all countries, they said, and one of the big reasons for that is the high cost of electric energy. "It goes beyond anything I can imagine; fantastic," said Gilbert Desire Tranchant, administrative secretary of the Miners Union of France and editor of its newspaper Echo des Mines. He said that France is so densely settled there are few places where electricity is not available, including farms. But the cost is so high, he declared, that time and labor-saving electrical appliances are limited.

Stephen William Parkinson, correspondent for British labor's London Daily Herald found Chickamauga Dam breathtaking, commenting: "If we had about six of these lakes in England, there would be no England. I never saw anything so big. Obviously TVA has been of great benefit to the people. I should think the benefits would be over a long term."

Parkinson said that the use of electricity in England has greatly advanced since World War II, especially in heating. However, refrigeration and air conditioning are rare. This might be attributed both to the climate as well as the higher cost of electric energy, he said.

"TVA is very wonderful. I'm sure it is a very important asset," said Evard Christensen, a staff correspondent for Social-Demokraten, Denmark's largest labor paper.

Both Parkinson and Christensen had high praise for the American labor movement.

Parkinson said that he was impressed by the independence of the American labor movement, but was concerned lest unions lose their effectiveness because "trade unions have become so darn respectable that it is becoming difficult to identify them."

Christensen held high hopes for the merger of AFL and CIO. "The split was a bad thing," he said, "and I hope the difficulties will be overcome by the merger so that the labor movement will be brought into a position of influence in the United States as in my own country."

## Union Sues Firm for \$5G

MONTREAL—Usually it's the company that sues the union. But here's a union that has sued the company.

The Montreal Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO-CCL) has brought a \$5,000 suit against a Lachine clothing manufacturer because he "wrongfully, illegally and maliciously" discharged 24 of his workers.

The suit charged that the company forced its employees to join a company union and then fired 28 employees, 24 of whom had applied for membership in the Clothing Workers.

## what's new

## in our industry

United Merchants & Manufacturers, which owns 204-store Robert Hall clothing chain, and Cohn-Hall-Marx textiles, achieved increase of 69.7 per cent in earnings over last fiscal year. An influx of low-priced textiles from Japan has aroused Canadian textile manufacturers. Quota limitations on these imports are being strongly urged. A complaint was issued against more than 100 wholesale druggists across the country by the Federal Trade Commission. They were charged with receiving illegal brokerage fees.

Allied Stores bought 250,000 acre site at Rayham, Mass., for its 11th regional shopping center. The center, dominated by branch of Allied's Jordan Marsh Co.

of Boston, will be the second largest ever planned in New England. The Fair, a merchandise mart of 150 independent retailers, opened on busy Union Square in New York this past week. For eight days prior to its opening, a model made her home in the main display window, subsisting entirely on the products and services of the Fair's retailers.

New York City's department stores topped their year-ago dollar volume in September for the fifth consecutive month. The increase of 3.5 per cent was viewed as satisfactory, in the light of the fine showing by these stores in September 1954 when they exceeded sales of September 1953 by 8 per cent. Bloomingdale's New York has made new

customers among city's working girls with its promotion of less-expensive top American Designers' products at a time when most local stores were featuring imports. Gimbel's will promote charge accounts in its New York and Westchester units over WRCA Radio. The contract with RCA will last 13 weeks. Time has been purchased on "Strictly Pegeen," 9:30 a.m.

By staying open six additional Saturdays, Macy's in New York has added 4 per cent to its summer volume this year. New sales pitch for appliance salesmen is put forward by Roger M. Kyes of Frigidaire: "Two refrigerators in every home." Says Mr. Kyes: "I can

see no reason why we should not have two-refrigerator families as well as two-car families." He thinks refrigerators and washers will have annual sales increase of a million units each in next ten years.

Gamble-Skogmo, Inc., of Minneapolis, a Midwest and Canada sales company, has bought control of Barker Bros. Corp., a leading Los Angeles furniture and equipment chain. Gamble-Skogmo wants to add its \$120 million in sales to Barker's \$28.5 millions. Wholesale buyers, eager to beat anticipated higher prices for shoes, laid down a record volume of orders at the New England Shoe and Leather Assn. shoe show.

# 20,000 New Yorkers At Giant Labor Rally Hit Miss. Terrorism

NEW YORK CITY—Twenty thousand New York trade union members—half of them members of RWDSU's District 65—turned out for a noon hour meeting in the heart of New York on Oct. 11, to protest the recent wave of anti-Negro terrorism in Mississippi, which was climaxed by the brutal murder of 14-year old Emmett Till and the so-called "trial" of the accused murderers.

It was the most exciting rally of its kind in many years, both in the size of the huge crowd and in the fact that the rally brought together on the platform noted representatives of every religious faith, of great sections of the labor movement and the Negro people.

Prominent speakers, including representatives of the two co-sponsoring groups, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Jewish Labor Committee, addressed the attentive and orderly crowd, jammed shoulder to shoulder and filling the entire 36th Street block, from Seventh to Eighth Avenues. Police barriers at both ends of the block kept out all traffic.

Attesting to the importance of the huge protest gathering was the widespread publicity given it in the press, on radio and television. Three television news cameras stood in the street opposite the speakers' platform, and dozens of reporters and newspaper photographers recorded the event for their papers. Following the rally, all major TV networks carried extensive filmed reports of the meeting, and the story, with pictures, was carried in all newspapers.

District 65 Pres. David Livingston chaired the meeting, which cheered proposals for measures to halt the murders and oppression of Negroes in Mississippi and elsewhere in the South. Among these was a demand that Congress act to stop the lynch terror; a call for a boycott of products made in Mississippi, and for a fund to help transport out of the state Negro witnesses of lynchings who have been threatened with death to keep their testimony out of court records.

These proposals came from Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP. Other speakers were Monsignor Cornelius Drew, pastor of St. Charles Roman Catholic Church, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, Rev. Donald Harrington of the Community Church of New York, Jack Zukerman, president of the Workmen's Circle, and Cleveland Robinson, secretary-treasurer of District 65 and vice-president of the RWDSU.

Livingston read a telegram from Brooklyn Dodger baseball star Jackie Robinson which declared: "All good Americans are with you."

RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg was originally scheduled to speak at the rally, but a postponement of four days in the rally date due to rain resulted in a conflict with a southern organizing conference of CIO leaders in Augusta, Ga., to which Pres. Greenberg had previously been called.

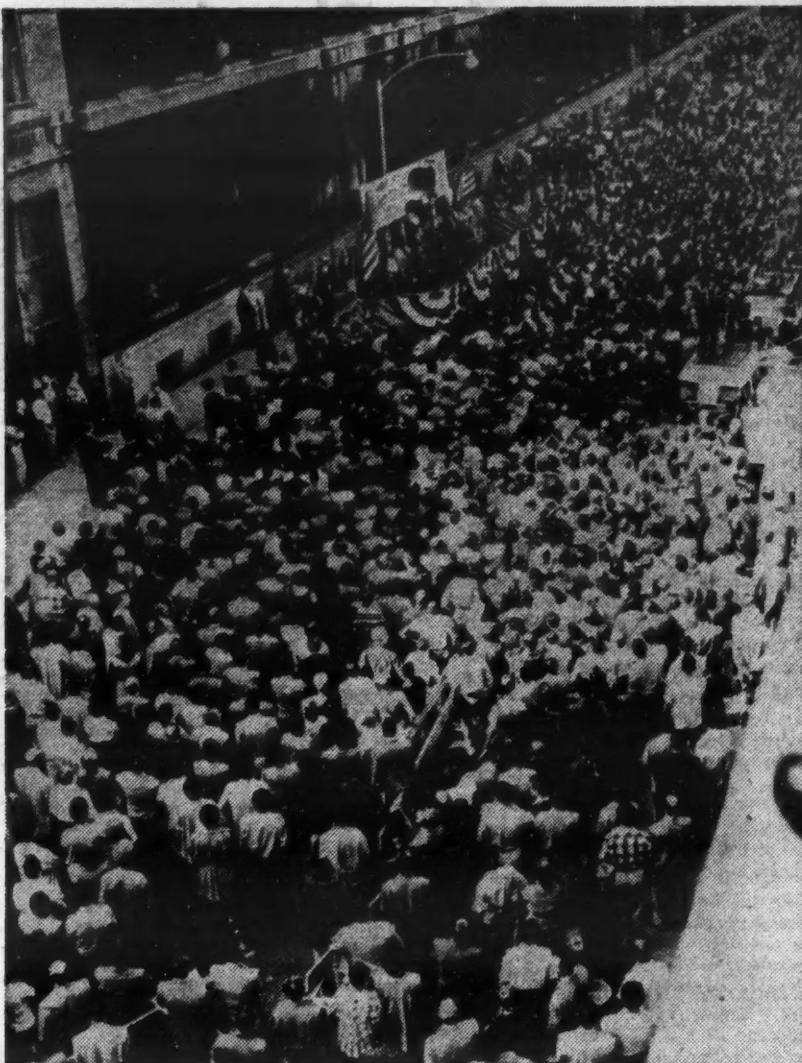
The first featured speaker, Roy Wilkins, described the trial of the accused murderers of Emmett Till as a mockery of justice, charging that even the prosecutor had said that the state's case did not warrant asking the death penalty. The conduct of the whole trial was "a farce, a joke, a travesty" he said, typical of what was to be expected in a county which denies its 19,000 Negroes the right to serve on juries.

**CONG. ADAM C. POWELL** spoke at rally, demanded Congress action on Mississippi killers, boycott of state's products.

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The next two speakers, Msgr. Drew and Rabbi Goldstein, discussed the religious and social implications of the events in Mississippi. "As a Catholic priest," Msgr. Drew said, "I am proud to be here, to join you in this fight against bigotry and for brotherhood and freedom under God." Rabbi Goldstein pledged the cooperation of the Jewish community in the struggle "to make American principles a fact. Wherever our flag flies, all men must have equality and an opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Jack Zukerman, who spoke on behalf of the Jewish Labor Committee, which re-



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER stand 20,000 unionists at Oct. 11th rally in New York's Garment Center sponsored by NAACP, Jewish Labor Committee and District 65.

presents 500,000 Jewish workers in AFL and CIO unions, made the point that the JLC, the Workmen's Circle and other organizations "which fought for Sacco and Vanzetti, which opposed Tsarist oppression and have carried on a long struggle against Communist totalitarianism, are today equally vigorous in the fight against the denial of freedom in Mississippi."

Rep. Powell, in the course of his fiery speech, cited his experiences in trying to counteract Communist propaganda at the conference of Asian and African nations in Bandung, Indonesia, several months ago. "If the United States permits lynchings like that of Emmett Till," he said, "we will be making the atmosphere ripe for communism and America will become a second-class power in the world." His views on the effect on world opinion were echoed by Rev. Harrington, who said, "The white community of Mississippi has struck a dagger in the back of our nation. They must feel the wrath of the entire country."

Cleveland Robinson observed that "the Till case could not have happened if there was an effective labor movement in Mississippi, where the lowest wages in the country are paid, where employers go in order to evade unions in the North." He, like other speakers, urged support of the NAACP as the spearhead of the fight against segregation and discrimination.

Livingston then read a pledge, solemnly taken by each of the thousands at the meeting, "... to oppose those who would destroy our democracy by denying their fellow Americans the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness ... to do all in my power to win for all Americans—white or Negro, Protestant, Catholic or Jew—their rights as citizens and as human beings in every part of our nation."

The thousands jamming the street then stood with heads bowed while the four clergymen present—representing Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths—led a silent prayer for divine guidance in the effort to secure brotherhood and freedom for all men.

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**PHOTO OF MARTYR EMMETT TILL** dominates sign over speakers' platform at protest rally, biggest trade union gathering in New York in many years. District 65 Pres. David Livingston, chairman of rally, is at mike. From left, seated are Naomi Workman of District 65 staff, Mrs. Sue Robinson and '65 Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson. Workmen's Circle Pres. Jack Zukerman, who spoke on behalf of Jewish Labor

Committee; Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of American Jewish Congress; Msgr. Cornelius Drew of St. Charles R. C. Church; Exec.-Sec. Roy Wilkins of NAACP; Clarence Mitchell, NAACP legislative director; RWDSU Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Ball, Exec. Sec. Jack Paley and '65 Organization Dir. Bill Michelson.

# Union Asks Election at Pomeroy Store in Pa.

LEVITTOWN, Pa.—The RWDSU has called for a labor board election at the newly organized Pomeroy's department store, and a National Labor Relations Board hearing is scheduled for Oct. 20 to set the date and conditions for the employees to choose their collective bargaining agent. Int'l Rep. Morris Malmignati, who is leading the organizing campaign, reported that 75 percent of the 150 employees have signed up in RWDSU.

An affiliate of the giant Allied Stores chain, Pomeroy's was opened about six months ago in the big new Levittown shopping center. Another Allied store, Stern Bros. in New York City, is organized in RWDSU District 65. It is one of the largest in the chain, employing about 1,400.

The Pomeroy's organizing campaign has proceeded swiftly, with a majority signing up in a matter of weeks. They have been meeting regularly, and another meeting is scheduled next week at which it is expected the employees will discuss contract demands. The two issues of greatest concern to the workers are wages and seniority.

Conditions in the store now consist of wage rates ranging from 60 to 75 cents an hour and a work week of 60 to 70 hours at straight time. Refusal to work the long hours means a summary firing.

The company is trying to woo the employees away from joining the union with promises of benefits and some token raises. Most recent company moves have been to pay time and a half for work over 40 hours and handing out raises to supervisory personnel, as well as attempts to intimidate active union members.

In the face of these tactics, the organizing committee inside the store continues to swell the already large majority who have joined the union.

Aiding Malmignati in the campaign are Int'l Rep. Frank Meloni and Organizer Lou Jacobs of New Jersey Local 108. Help is also being given by the Bucks County, Pa. CIO Council, headed by Pres. Frank Flatch.

## Union of Unionists

GROSSINGER, N. Y.—Organized labor was well represented at the most famous union of the month—the marriage of singer Eddie Fisher and actress Debbie Reynolds.

The wedding not only brought together two good unionists, members of the Associated Actors and Artists of America, AFL, but Debbie's father is a Union member of long standing, too. For over two decades he has been a union carpenter, member of the Railway Carmen.



ALICE LABEE of RWDSU Local 66 was voted Miss Nashua Plastic 1955 at annual outing held by local Sept. 17 in Nashua, N. H. Five hundred RWDSUers enjoyed picnic lunch and program of sports and dance contests, and a good time was had by all.



LOCAL 1199 TEEN TIME COMMITTEE members meet panel members at City CIO Conference on Juvenile Delinquency. Panel members were (seated from left): Mrs. Lillian K. Lampkin, Ralph Whelan, Mark McCloskey. City CIO Sec.-Treas. Moe Iushevitz and '1199' Affairs Dir. Moe Foner are standing behind panel members.

## N. Y. CIO MAPS ACTION ON DELINQUENCY CURBS

NEW YORK CITY.—Trade unionists at a conference on juvenile delinquency last month resolved to pitch in to help solve this burning problem. As a special contribution trade unionists can make, it was agreed to send skilled craftsmen into community settlements to train youth for jobs.

The conference, sponsored by the New York City CIO Council, proposed also to set up a joint committee of CIO unions and state and city agencies which work with young people. The committee would be responsible for making the best use of CIO volunteers in the training and job placement program.

The decision of CIO to participate actively in the campaign against juvenile delinquency was warmly supported by a panel of distinguished speakers who addressed the conference. These included New York City Deputy Mayor Henry Epstein, State Attorney-General Jacob K. Javitz, Mark McCloskey, chairman, New York State Youth Commission; Ralph Whelan, executive director, New York City Youth Board; and Mrs. Lillian Lampkin, director of the Youth Board's group work and recreation program.

In a hard-hitting address to the delegates, State CIO Pres. Louis Hollander blasted political leaders of both parties for failing to provide the funds necessary to tackle the problem of juvenile delinquency head-on.

## Shea Again President Of Everett, Mass. Local

EVERETT, Mass.—Albert Shea was re-elected to the post of president of Local 585A in officer elections held here last month. Pres. Shea and his fellow officers-elect were sworn in at a membership meeting by Int'l Rep. John Flandaca.

Newly elected vice-president is James Muise, while Joseph Barrasso was named secretary-treasurer for a seventh term. The new recording secretary, Rose Wike, will be serving for the first time.

Pres. Shea was re-elected after having served for six years as vice-president and succeeding to the top office before the previous president's term expired.

The members, who work at Bunny Bear, Inc., also discussed contract demands at the meeting in preparation for negotiations due to get under way soon. The current pact expires next Jan. 15.

Referring to the mass of facts and figures on the problem as revealed by numerous commissions of federal, state and local agencies, Hollander pointed to a story appearing in the New York Times on the day of the conference, describing overcrowded conditions in some of New York City's 150-year old schools.

Said Hollander: "The real causes of juvenile delinquency are inadequate school facilities and slum-infested houses. The schools, the home and the family are supposed to build and mold character but this is impossible under present conditions."

Describing politicians as "intellectual delinquents," he observed that CIO has been urging action on school and housing construction programs for the past 10 years.

"We will continue our fight for these programs, but let it be noted that had our suggestions been followed we would not today be faced with the alarming increase in juvenile delinquency," he stated.

Delegates were present from RWDSU Locals 338, 1S, 1199 and District 65. A group of teen-agers representing Retail Drug Local 1199's Teen Time program attended the conference. An attractive brochure describing the 1199 Teen Time Program activities, was distributed to the delegates by the teen-agers.

## \$5 Wage Boosts Won by N. Y. Food Local 338

NEW YORK CITY—Renewal of contracts covering 5,000 retail food employees is well along the way to completion, it was announced by Local 338 Pres. Julius Sum. Practically all agreements in Brooklyn and the Bronx have been concluded, and the re-signing is moving ahead rapidly in the other boroughs, he said.

The new contracts provide a \$5.00 per week wage increase over a two-year period to be covered by the contract. The first year's raise will be \$3.00 with an additional \$2.00 to be applied at the start of the second year. In addition, the minimums are increased to \$50.00 for deliverymen, \$60.00 for clerks and \$90.00 for managers.

Terms for the proposed pacts were approved at a meeting of the local's executive Board Sept. 14.

Daitch Crystal Dairies were the first to agree to the terms. The union signed a contract with the chain group to become effective Jan. 1, 1956 when the present contract expires.

Meanwhile, section chairmen and secretaries' sessions have been held in most of the boroughs at which the terms of the proposed agreement were discussed. In each case there was approval of the proposal without a dissenting vote.

Membership meetings, which began in Brooklyn Sept. 22, and are being held in other boroughs during October, are to act on the contracts, Sum said.

## Wage Boosts Head Gains At Buffalo Paper Firm

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Wage boosts of 5 cents across the board led the list of gains in a new one-year contract between Local 139 and the Buffalo Waste Paper Co., Int'l Rep. Tom Evans reported. The plant employs about 60 members.

Evans said that since the plant operates on a bonus system, the wage gain should actually yield about 7 cents an hour on the average. Other improvements include three-week vacations after 15 years' service, with pay at the rate averaged during the previous 9 months, and a half holiday with pay on Good Friday.

The negotiating committee included, besides Evans, '139' Pres. Joseph M. Baran, Recording Sec. Stella Plewniak, and Stewards Stella Golyniak and Alex E. Zulinsky. The company spokesmen were Haskell Stoveroff, president and L. Cunningham, comptroller.

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ANNUAL CELEBRATION of Interfaith Day this year finds RWDSU leaders playing prominent roles in festival, with Pres. Max Greenberg serving as chairman of Labor Committee, and Exec. Vice-Pres. Sam Kovenetsky and Local 193 Manager I. Jerry Fischer acting as co-chairmen. Many RWDSU members are expected to attend the colorful ceremonies in Central Park on Sunday, Oct. 16. Admission is free.

## The Midwest

### Driver-Salesmen Join Union At Rieck Dairy, Altoona

ALTOONA, Pa.—Most of the 18 retail and wholesale driver-salesmen at the Rieck Dairy have joined RWDSU Local 382, and Int'l Rep. Ernest Burberg expects that the newly organized group will be included in negotiations now under way for a contract covering the rest of the 100-worker plant.

The firm is a subsidiary of the big National Dairy, some of whose other plants are under contract with RWDSU locals. In addition to the main processing plant in this city the company has two distribution stations in Bedford and Lewistown. The workers are seeking substantial wage increases in a new contract.

### 80 at Akron Co-op Win 14c Raise, Welfare Gains

AKRON, O.—A new two-year contract was won by about 80 members of Local 1801 employed at the Akron Co-op supermarket, providing wage boosts totaling 14 cents an hour as well as improvements in welfare coverage, Int'l Rep. Eugene Ingles reported.

Led by '1801' Pres. Grace Ringwalt, the co-op employees won a 9-cent increase effective Sept. 1, 1955 and an additional 5 cents on Sept. 1, 1956. Employer payments into the welfare fund were increased from \$6 per month to \$13 per month for each employee.

Part time workers received a 10-cent boost now, with another 5 cents next September. Also established for part timers were paid vacations and premium pay of 10 cents an hour during holiday weeks. Proportionate increase in welfare fund payments are being worked out.

### Engineers and Firemen At Nestle's Jofn '379'

COLUMBUS, O.—Engineers and firemen employed at Nestle's Milk plant in Marysville have joined the other plant employees as members of Local 379, voting unanimously for '379' in an NLRB election last month. Negotiations for a contract covering the 10 men began shortly after the election.

In Lancaster, about 20 employees of McClellan's Home Dairy overcame a negotiations deadlock with the aid of a federal mediator and won a new contract providing raises of \$3 a week to plant employees, plus commission increases of a quarter of 1% to retail salesmen and a half of 1% to the wholesale salesmen.

They also established a new insurance program whose cost is shared equally by the employer and the workers, as well as improvements in days off for the salesmen. The union negotiators were headed by unit Chairman Harold Lynn, with Joe Walters, Oscar Anderson, Ted Vess and Dick Anderson, assisted by Int'l Rep. Gene Ingles.

In Marion, O., the Borden Dairy workers in Unit S of the local named a new set of leaders for the coming year. New chairman is Milton Weston, who served as vice-chairman last year. The other officers are Vice-Chairman Eugene France and Sec.-Treas. Oscar Yoeman. The new stewards are Harold Gerlocker in the plant and Carl Smith for the salesmen.

### Capell Heads Division in 'Heart of America' Drive

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—International Vice-Pres. John Capell has been appointed chairman of the group solicitation division of the 1956 Heart of America United Campaign in this city and Wyandotte County, it was announced in the Kansas City Kansan, this city's leading newspaper, earlier this month.

The campaign will raise funds from the community to aid a number of charitable and medical research organizations.

Capell is also president of the Greater Kansas City CIO Council.

## And All in One Day at Chicago Jt. Board!

# Strike, Vote Win, New Pact in Chi

CHICAGO.—An election victory in a new shop, a settlement in another and a strike in a third—all of which took place on the same day—kept officers and members of RWDSU's Chicago Joint Board hopping late last month, reports Jt. Bd. Pres. Hank Anderson. And the activity is continuing, with the strike now in its third week and negotiations beginning at the newly-organized shop, as well as at other firms.

The election victory was scored Sept. 30 when workers of House of Dolls, a manufacturer of dolls and novelties, voted RWDSU by a margin of 19 to 7. Although only 27 were eligible to vote in the payroll period selected by the NLRB, the firm employs between 50 and 100 workers normally.

The election victory was scored Sept. 30 after a 24-hour organizing campaign under the leadership of Jt. Bd. Rep. Manuel Galladura. Contact was made with the shop through one employee, Mary Walker, wife of Union Steward John Walker of McGarry Nut Products Co. Mary and co-workers Mabel Vanderbilt and Bernice Powell quickly signed up a majority in the shop, and the election followed. Negotiations with the firm are already under way.

At Flavour Candy Co., Galladura led union negotiators Tom Hersey, Johnnie Mae Rucker, Tillman Moore, Emma Williams and Catherine Johnson in winning a new contract. Under its terms, the 75 employees gained a 5c per hour increase retroactive to July 1, and an additional 4c next July, as well as plant-wide seniority and top seniority for stewards, two hours off with pay on Election Day, time and one-half for all Saturday work, progression to top classification rates in nine months instead of 12, three days off for a death in the immediate family, and no loss of pay while performing jury duty.

While these gains were being scored at one candy plant, the workers of another—Lion Specialty Co.—were forced to walk out on strike because of the company's stubborn refusal to make any concessions on union demands for a wage increase and fringe benefits. All the firm would offer during negotiations that have been going on since last April was a continuation of the old contract plus a checkoff of union dues, Anderson said.

With their patience worn thin, the workers walked out Sept. 30, and the plant has been shut tight ever since. One meet-

ing has been held with the company, which is owned by the multi-million dollar Cuneo estate, under the auspices of the U. S. Mediation Service, but management continues its stubborn stand. The strike is being directed by Galladura, Int'l Rep. Carl Sanzone and Chief Steward Gus Triani.

Anderson reported that negotiations with Lane Bryant for a new contract covering the firm's 200 Chicago employees were almost completed. Already agreed upon are, for nonselling employees, wage increases of \$2 per week, retroactive to July 1, with \$1.50 of the boost retroactive to Feb. 1; for salary-plus-commission

salespeople, \$1.50 per week as of July 1, with \$1 retroactive to Feb. 1; and for straight commission salespeople, \$1 per week back to July 1, bringing total nonchargeable commission for major apparel salespersons to \$8 a week, and for shoe salesmen to \$5 a week.

The only hitch now holding up the settlement is a difference on how the increases for straight commission salespeople will be applied to the contract structure, as it relates to new employees, Anderson said. He noted that RWDSU Sec.-Treas. Alvin Heaps had been instrumental in negotiating with Lane Bryant's New York headquarters.



**PROUD OF THEIR RECORD**, these leaders of Cereal Workers Local 374 of Battle Creek, Mich., look at sign outside huge Post Cereals plant showing their Red Feather-Community Chest Campaign hit 111% of quota. Left to right are W. F. McRae, representing company; '374' Vice-Pres. Vernon Burrill, Pres. Forrest A. Powers, committee members Donald Babas and Shirley Smith, and Sec.-Treas. Patrick O'Connell, who chaired the drive.

### Can't Live on Present \$10-\$33 Rates

# Ohio CIO Seeks More Jobless Pay

COLUMBUS, O.—Come Nov. 8, the people of the State of Ohio will have the opportunity to raise unemployment insurance benefits—thanks to a determined campaign of the Ohio CIO, including several RWDSU locals, and a number of other prominent and public spirited Ohioans.

The issue was brought to the ballot as a result of the CIO's work in getting thousands of signatures on the required initiating petition. Among the most active in the drive are RWDSU Locals 379 and 256, in Columbus and Cincinnati, respectively.

The major aim of the proposed changes in the unemployment compensation law is to raise benefits to a level which will enable an unemployed worker and his family to live decently while searching for work. Present benefit rates, which are pegged at living costs of 1939, range from a minimum of \$10 a week to \$33. The Ohio CIO proposal calls for a raise to \$15 as a minimum and \$50 as the top rate.

The CIO-initiated law would also increase coverage for dependents to three children instead of the present two, and extend the maximum payment period from the present 26 to 39 weeks, as well as make improvements in provisions for appeals against claims and prevent unfair delays in claim payments. The proposed law would also relate to guaranteed wage agreements.

With the present level of benefits the average worker takes a 60% cut in his wages when he becomes unemployed today. Fifteen years ago, when the benefit scale was set up, the average worker suffered only a 45% cut in his standards. Summing this up, the Ohio CIO charges that "The Ohio law has failed to keep pace with the times."

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### PROPOSED LAW

To increase unemployment compensation benefits.

(Proposed by Initiative Petition)

A majority vote is necessary for passage.

The proposed unemployment compensation law provides for increased weekly benefits, increased dependency allowances, increased duration of benefits, places the burden of proof upon appellants, provides supplemental payments to claimants whose claims are delayed by the unreasonable action of employers, and provides that payments to a claimant under a guaranteed period wage plan shall not affect the weekly benefit amount of claimants under the unemployment compensation law of the State of Ohio.

YES	SHALL THE PROPOSED LAW TO INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS BE ADOPTED?
NO	

VOTE "YES"

## The Midwest

### Talks Open in Meadville, Pa. At Newly-Signed W. T. Grant

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The first negotiating conference was under way last week between RWDSU and top management of W. T. Grant for a contract at the newly organized variety chain's store in Meadville, Pa., Int'l Rep. Ernest Burberg reported. The 40 employees voted for RWDSU by a wide margin in an NLRB election last month.

### 5 Contracts Won in Waterloo, Ia. Drive

WATERLOO, Ia.—One contract signed and four awaiting membership ratification is the score thus far in the rapidly growing organizing campaign among retail workers in this northeast Iowa city, it was reported by the drive's leader, Regional Dir. Al Evanoff.

The organizing movement began last August when a number of women employed in several restaurants decided to organize. With the help of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union, whose hall is being used for membership meetings, the employees of five restaurants quickly signed up in RWDSU. Recognition was granted by the employers and negotiations were begun.

Meanwhile, Evanoff said, other retail workers have expressed interest in the union. Some of the employers, on the other hand, have reacted to the union drive by handing out raises here and there in an effort to forestall organization of their employees. Rank and file organizers working with Evanoff are Grace Smith of Johnson's Cafe, Violet Clark of Myrsilades Cafe and Naomi Anderson of Packer's Inn.

In all, some 35 workers are covered by the contract settlements already in. The completed pact is with the Tic Toc Tap,

Burberg said the preliminary negotiations would be followed by further meetings between the union and the company in Meadville. These will be handled by a committee of the store employees, headed by the newly elected local president, Dorothy Dickenson, and including Vice-Pres. Marie McHenry and Sec.-Treas. Shirley Peterson.

A charter for the new local is presently being processed by the International, and it is expected a local number will be issued soon.

Among the Grant employees' demands are wage increases of 15 cents an hour, a union shop, time and half for overtime, seniority and grievance procedures.

The organization of the Grant workers, who themselves actively sought out the union, has had a stimulating effect on other retail store employees in Meadville, a town about 70 miles north of Pittsburgh.

A number of employees in the other shops, approached by the new Grant RWDSUers have expressed definite interest in joining the union. It was learned that one or two shops handed out raises to their employees on the day that the Grant workers voted for RWDSU.

a tavern with five employees. Wage gains here were \$5 to \$13 a week plus paid vacations and holidays, minimums of \$1 an hour for waitresses and other conditions typical of RWDSU contracts.



SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATORS above represented Local 820, Battle Creek, Mich., in negotiations with Stanley Home Products Co. The ladies, left to right, are Priscilla Klundt, Nellie Ross and '820' Pres. Lillian Hodges. Behind them are Business Rep. Forrest A. Powers, Norman Klundt and Theodore Bray. They won wage increases ranging from 6 to 13½ cents an hour, plus welfare plan improvements, for the 40 employees. In addition, the company agreed to two days sick leave over and above the sick leave pay provision of the union's group insurance plan, under which benefits begin after a week of illness.

### Midwest Conference Nov. 5, 6

CHICAGO—A conference of RWDSU locals in eight Midwestern states will be held at the Morrison Hotel in this city on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6, it was announced by Sec.-Treas. Alvin E. Heaps, who serves as Midwest area director.

The conference will be attended by representatives of locals in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa and Western Pennsylvania, and will discuss organizational plans in the area.

Pres. Max Greenberg, Sec.-Treas. Heaps, Regional Directors Gerald Hughes and Al Evanoff and other union officers will be among the speakers.

### Memphis Local Organizes 5 Furniture Stores

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—A chain of five retail furniture stores has been organized by RWDSU Local 19, Regional Dir. Harry Bush reported. The overwhelming majority of employees in the five stores have joined, and an NLRB hearing was held Oct. 3 in response to the union's petition for an election. The 50 employees, who have made clear their intentions of sticking with the union by paying initiation fees and taking out membership books,

consist of salesmen, warehousemen, truck drivers and helpers, furniture repair men, elevator operators and maids. Bush said it was expected that several salesmen and clerical employees not yet signed up would soon join.

The five stores organized are Rhodes-Jennings and Leo Kahn Furniture Co., both located in Memphis' main shopping area on Main St.; and the Shelby, Highland and Delta Furniture shops in West Memphis, Arkansas, West Memphis borders on Memphis, Tenn. The company also operates stores in Chattanooga, Tenn., and in Atlanta, Ga.

At the board hearing the company fought against coming under the labor board's jurisdiction, claiming that it does a volume under \$10 million dollars a year, and that the NLRB should not handle a retail case unless the firm concerned does an annual volume of \$10 million or more.

While a final labor board decision on the case is awaited, steps are being taken to get direct recognition from the company that Local 19 is the union of the employees' choice. The workers are also making preparations for a strike, should it become necessary.

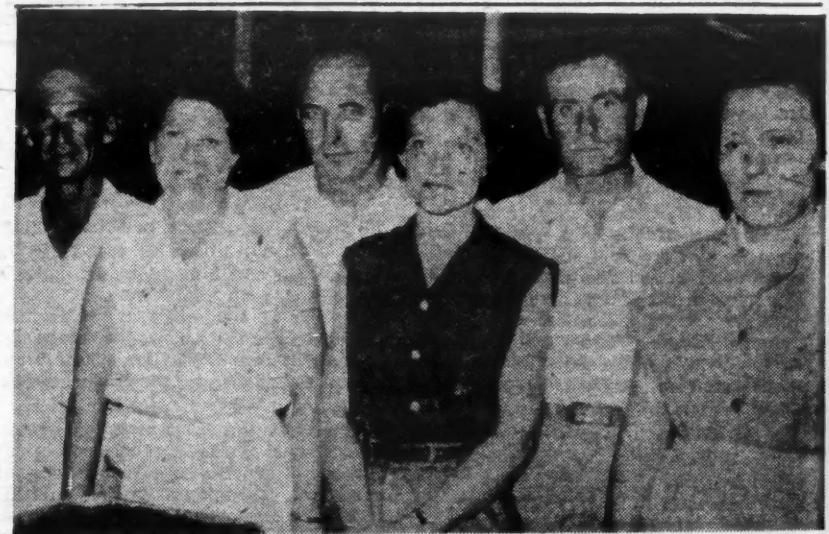
The chain-wide committee includes Willie Ward, Charlie Spears, Clarence Payne, Edgar Nesbit, Brother Dodds, Henry Wooly, Brother Etheridge, Jessie Reed, Mrs. Hall and Ollie Young. Bush and Local 19 Organizer Roy Caldwell are assisting.

Bush said the employees are getting wages as low as \$16 a week for maids and elevator operators. Truck drivers earn \$22.50 to \$27.50 and the skilled furniture and cabinet repair men earn \$45 to \$50 a week. Salesmen work on straight commissions of 3½%. The regular work week is 5½ days and 44 hours, and overtime is paid at the straight rate.

Bush said the wages are another example of discrimination against retail workers, who are not given the protection of the federal wage and hour law.

#### Weona Strike Won

Elsewhere in the local, the 23 workers in Weona Food Stores warehouse, after a two-day lockout last August during which militant picketing shut the plant tight, came back to win "the best contract in their history," according to Bush. General increases of 7½ cents an hour were further boosted by raises based on the establishment of higher minimums. Minimum rates in the plant were raised from 87½ cents to \$1.02½ an hour, a boost of 15 cents.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE of Warehouse Employees Local 261 in Birmingham, Ala., was responsible for arrangements at picnic held Oct. 1. Despite their serious expressions, outing was a great success. L. to r., are G. W. Stewart, Velma and Albert Farmer, Polly Little, W. H. Powell and Mae Alexander.

### First Miami Hotel Signs

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—A crack in the anti-union wall of Gold Coast hotels was made here Monday, when the Vanderbilt Hotel became the first hostelry to recognize Local 255, AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, as the representative of its workers. The occasion was important enough for AFL Pres. George Meany and Ed S. Miller, international president of the hotel union, to be on hand for the signing of the contract.

The Vanderbilt, unlike over a score of other Miami and Miami Beach hotels, had not been struck by members of Local 255. It was one of the hosteries where the union had gone quietly ahead to organize badly paid, overworked maids, clerks and kitchen personnel.

Picketing began in April at the first of the struck hotels. But Florida's lack of labor law and the National Labor Relations Board's refusal to accept jurisdiction over the dispute have prevented the union from becoming recognized as the bargaining agent for the few thousand hotel workers who have signed up with it.

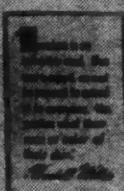
DISTRICT 65

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**GARMENT CENTER LABOR RALLY  
TO PROTEST • MURDER OF EMMETT TILL  
• RACIST TERROR IN MISSISSIPPI**

TUESDAY, OCT. 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon

Sponsored by DISTRICT 65 - RWDSU - CIO  
and NATIONAL ASSN. for the ADVANCEMENT of the COLORED PEOPLE



Clergymen of three faiths led silent prayer for brotherhood of all men at Labor Rally Oct. 11 in Garment Center, sponsored by District 65, the NAACP and Jewish Labor Committee. Clergymen shown at center of platform with rally chairman David Livingston are (l. to r.) Rabbi Israel Goldstein of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cornelius Drew of St. Charles Roman Catholic Church; Rev. Donald Harrington of Community Church of N. Y.; and Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church.

## 'For Brotherhood Among All Men...'

When 20,000 New Yorkers filled a city block from end to end on Oct. 11 in a rally to protest Mississippi's reign of terror, they were doing more than merely attending a meeting; they were participating in an effort to help win important objectives.

These objectives were stated at the opening of the meeting by Pres. David Livingston, who served as chairman of the rally, which was sponsored by the National Ass'n for the Advancement of Colored People, the Jewish Labor Committee and District 65. He cited these as among the meeting's major purposes:

- To demonstrate that terrorist acts in Mississippi were not merely the concern of Negroes, but of all Americans, involving as they do the good name, honor and integrity of the U.S., and its influence in world affairs.

- To give courage and confidence to the decent people of Mississippi, and especially to show the Negroes of that state that they are not alone.

- To convince the powers-that-be in Mississippi, who evidently believe that racism, discrimination and terror are good business for their state, that they are wrong, and that they will suffer economically unless they call a halt to anti-Negro violence.

- To remind the Federal government of its responsibility in this situation, and its ability to act by means of legislation, by its enforcement powers under existing laws, and by giving voice to the nation's horror and shame.

- To help keep the public's attention focussed on the Emmett Till case and the other Mississippi lynchings, so that continued public outrage will prevent further violence in that state and elsewhere.

These objectives were shared by all of the noted speakers, who represented leading forces in the religious and community life of New York City. And they were shared by an audience that was as remarkable for its orderliness and attentiveness as it was for its numbers.

There was no doubt that those in the audience spoke for countless thousands of other Americans when they took this pledge, a pledge that symbolizes the meaning of the rally:

*As an American who believes in democracy for all peoples; Who supports our Constitution and its guarantees of justice; Who has faith in the basic decency of the vast majority of Americans; Who wants the United States to lead the world morally in the fight for freedom;*

*As an American who is proud of this country and the institutions that have made it great;*

*I pledge to oppose those who would destroy our democracy by denying their fellow Americans the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;*

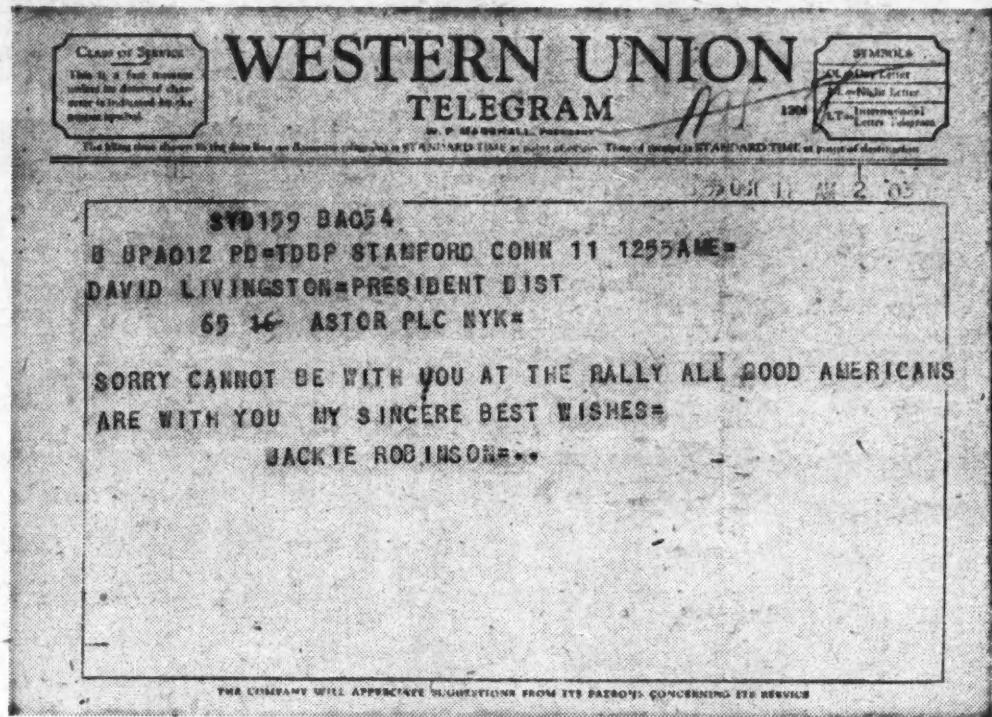
*I pledge that in word and in deed I will do all in my power to win for all Americans—white or Negro, Protestant, Catholic or Jew—their rights as citizens and as human beings in every part of our nation.*

And Pres. Livingston followed this pledge by expressing a hope: "...that unions in every city in the land will bring together their members, as you have come together today, to give the American people's answer to the destruction of justice and decency which is taking place in Mississippi. The people of America have it in their power to change these things if they become aroused—as we here are aroused—to the terribly urgent need to win equal rights for all Americans, and to end discrimination throughout the land."

A few moments later, a great stillness came over the crowd as the four clergymen on the platform led a silent prayer for brotherhood among men. In that silence, real enough to be felt by the many thousands who were present, was expressed the unity of purpose that characterized the rally. And in the heart and mind of every person who attended was a renewed determination to do his part in building a nation where all men are truly equal.



RALLY CHAIRMAN: DAVID LIVINGSTON



## Sidelights of Great Labor Rally P

By Bernard Stephens

Police estimates of crowds are usually quite conservative, and it was felt that the rally had somewhat more than 20,000 people over the entire two-hour period it ran (many of the garment center workers came and went during the meeting). But whether the figure was 20,000 or 30,000, this was so great a turnout, and on so burning an issue, that every 65er left the meeting feeling Ten Feet Tall—and we're still stooping to get under doorways... One of the biggest factors in the great turnout was the General Council meeting the previous week, when Thurgood Marshall of the NAACP, outstanding leader of the court struggle to end school segregation, deeply moved the 800 stewards with his talk about the Till case. The stewards pledged then and there to make the rally a success—and they delivered.

The television cameras and sound equipment set up in front the speakers' platform weren't there for ornamentation. All evening the rally was featured on TV newscasts; and as for radio, quotations from earlier speakers were being broadcast while the meeting was still in progress. You could flip the TV dials at 11 p.m. and catch extensive remarks of Monsignor Drew on Channel 2 and of

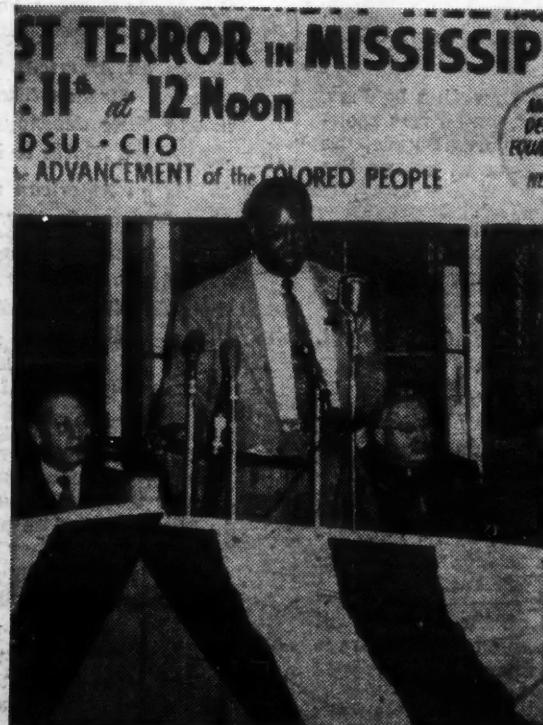
Congressman Powell and Pres. Livingston on Channel 4. 65ers got a kick out of hearing the polished Channel 4 announcer, John K.M. McCaffery, describe Powell and our own Dave Livingston as "dynamic speakers".

Photos of *The Record* not only produced excellent pictures of the rally—rivaling the best appearing in the *Daily News*, the *World-Telegram* and the *Post*—but also provided a form of entertainment. Clarence Bowman and Moe Weinstein had many gasping as they hung out of high-up windows to get the whole crowd into their view-finders. Other photos who Record-ed the rally for posterity were Sam Reiss, Dudley Foster, Irv France, and 'Record' Editor Max Steinbock.

Highspots in this memorable rally were many: District 65's donation of the first \$1,000 to help carry out Rep. Powell's plan for an "underground railway" which will bring out of Mississippi Negroes who witnessed lynchings and cannot speak for fear of their lives; the telegram from Jackie Robinson; the announcement of the police estimate of the size of the crowd; the telegram to Governor Craig of Indiana, expressing the feeling of 20,000 New Yorkers that "liberty is



MSGR. CORNELIUS DREW  
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CLEVELAND ROBINSON  
Sec.-Treas., District 65



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President, Amer. Jewish Congress



## Protesting Terror in Mississippi

"indivisible", and that we oppose state troops herding scabs in Indiana, as we oppose the subjugation of Negro Americans in Mississippi.

The estimate is that half the crowd were 65ers, the evidence being the profusion of green buttons and the familiar faces of members from department stores (a big group walked up from Gimbel's, led by Organization Dir. Bill Michelson), from Lerner's, corrugeted, the shoe market, dry goods, Revlon, the toy and gift shops, and of course the garment center locals. They came from all over the city, including distant parts of Brooklyn and the Bronx, Long Island and New Jersey.

One of the fears before the rally was that the crowd, standing on the hard pavement for so long a time, would be hard to keep in order. But the fearful ones reckoned without the likes of '65' members. They stood and stood . . . they listened and cheered . . . and they kept in order, contributing materially to the success of the meeting. A word of credit is also due the many employers who cooperated by extending lunch hours to permit their employees to attend the rally, and particularly to the employers who went beyond this obligation by sending to the rally their own personal contributions to the NAACP.

Pres. Livingston singled out as behind-the-scene beavers who made the rally possible: Bill Michelson, Cleve Robinson, Frank Brown, Sol Molofsky and Al Bernknopf of '65'; Joseph Pomarlen of the Liberal Party; Emanuel Muravchick and Betty Kaye of the Jewish Labor Committee; and Henry Lee Moon and Herbert Hill of the NAACP . . . The fine work of the police in handling the enormous crowd also drew praise, and a special word of thanks went to Rabbi Israel Goldstein, who left a sickbed to appear at the meeting.

As this issue of The Record went to press, here's what District 65's two co-sponsors had to say about the rally: Exec. Sec. Roy Wilkins of the NAACP said, "The rally organized by District 65 was a magnificent demonstration of the will of the vast majority of Americans to use every instrument of mass protest and mass action to bring racial democracy to Mississippi and the rest of the South." And Emanuel Muravchick, national field secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee, said: "The rally was inspiring. Every officer and member of District 65 can take pride in the fine organization of this meeting and in the fact that 20,000 voices were raised in behalf of the struggle for civil rights in our land."



**ROY WILKINS**  
Exec. Sec., NAACP



**REV. DONALD HARRINGTON**  
Pastor, Community Church of N.Y.



**JACK ZUKERMAN**  
Vice-Chairman, Jewish Labor Committee

# WHAT THEY SAID AT OCT. 11 RALLY:

## Excerpts from Addresses by Community Leaders

### Msgr. Cornelius Drew

Pastor, St. Charles R. C. Church

"I am indeed happy to be here as a Catholic priest, half of whose ministry is among Negroes. I work among them as well as others in my congregation, which is of all nations."



"We all believe there is a God, and that He made all people in His image and likeness. It is as members of the human race, then, that we fight for brotherhood and freedom under God. This meeting is significant for America. It is a good opportunity to show what good we can do in this country."

"Our unity here is our strength, and it must not be allowed to die as a result of the acts in Mississippi. We cannot let this rally be forgotten tomorrow. Support the NAACP. They are the spearhead in the fight, and they need help. Before the day is over we should all send a prayer to the Almighty to give us the spirit to be united in brotherhood no matter where we are—to guide us in helping oppressed people to realize the civil rights for which God has destined them."

### Roy Wilkins

Executive Secretary, NAACP

"The trial of the murderers of Emmett Till was a travesty of justice—a farce and a joke. The courtroom was set up for acquittal. The defendants sat and chatted with their wives and played with their kids. The whole affair was turned into a holiday and picnic by the Mississippi officials. The prosecutor told the jury he thought it was not necessary to ask the death penalty."



"The jury, of course had on it no Negroes, although Negroes are in the majority in Tallahatchie County. They weren't even allowed on the panel from which the jury was chosen. That's because you must be a voter to be on a jury, and Negroes are not allowed to vote in Tallahatchie County."

"While we condemn the trial, and the system which deprives Americans of their rights as citizens, the fact that Mississippi is a part of the United States makes this system a threat to the rights of all Americans. That's why we're here today. We will be the victims of this system if we permit justice to be destroyed in Mississippi. The NAACP assures you that we will battle to secure justice for all, no matter what their race or religion."

### Jack Zukerman

Vice-Chairman, Jewish Labor Committee

"If we are sincere in our declarations to the rest of the world that we are the proponents of freedom and democracy—and it is my sincere conviction that the great majority of all Americans are—then we must set an example to the rest of the world in the action we take in cases like this. If we are to defeat communism—as we must to save the world—we will do so not alone by military defenses, as important as they may be—but by the equally important defense of civil rights and civil liberties, which have been the cornerstone of our American way of life, and by a demonstration of equal rights for all. Not alone the right to work, to worship, to speak, to feel free—but the right to live and to die as free men regardless of race, color or creed."



"To the preservation of these principles of Americanism we must rededicate ourselves and give ourselves, as we protest this callous disregard of human rights in Mississippi, even as we condemn persecution in other lands. To the continued struggle against reaction of any kind, we of the Jewish Labor Committee, speaking for the 500,000 workers whom we represent, pledge ourselves, our organization and the entire labor movement of which we are part. Let's put an end to discrimination!"

### Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

Congressman, 16th District, N. Y. C.

"Having just come back from Africa, Europe and England, I can objectively report that the lynch murder of Emmett Till in Mississippi was, in the eyes of Europe, a lynching of the Statue of Liberty. No single incident has caused as much damage to the prestige of the United States on foreign shores as what has happened in Mississippi."



"I believe that a national boycott of anything that comes from Mississippi should be organized. A fund should be set up under the auspices of the NAACP, to establish something on the style of the old Underground Railroad during the pre-Civil War days. This would take out of Mississippi and any other sensitive area of the South, Negroes who are witnesses to crimes and dare not testify because they know their lives are in danger and their economic future would be threatened."

"When the next session of Congress opens in January 1957, I will present a resolution demanding that no one from the State of Mississippi shall be seated in the Congress, because they have refused to allow the Negro people of that State to vote. I expect to campaign on this basis in 1956, and I will urge that both national parties support such a plank in their platform."

### Rabbi Israel Goldstein

President, American Jewish Congress

"The Till case is the latest of a series of events in Mississippi showing that it is impossible for a Negro to get a fair trial there. A jury can only be as good as the atmosphere in which it operates, and Mississippi will not let a jury operate fairly as far as Negroes—and indeed whites—are concerned. The atmosphere of an entire section of our country has become polluted by its defiance of the Supreme Court order banning segregation in the nation's schools."



"Ours is not a hopeless fight. Two Negroes had the courage to testify. This was not possible 10 years ago. The protests of people in the north in this case shows that we and others are bitterly dissatisfied."

"The root of this problem is in Washington, D.C., because the federal government is doing nothing to act on the corrupt elections and the intimidation of Negroes in Mississippi. We call upon the F.B.I. and the Justice Dept. to act. This case has tainted the character of all Americans. We are open to ridicule all over the world when we most need the friendship and respect of the world."

"I pledge the cooperation of the Jewish Community in making American principles a fact, in making our flag the true symbol of equality for all men."

### Rev. Donald Harrington

Pastor, Community Church of N. Y.

"I congratulate the sponsors of this meeting because it is vital that the people of Mississippi feel the sense of shame and moral outrage that is felt by us here."



"The Till case is not new, but the culmination of old attitudes. It is a harkening back to the days of slavery. Mississippi must feel the wrath of the country because the white community of that state has stuck a dagger in the back of the United States. As whites, our prime responsibility is to speak out from one end of the land to the other. Join the NAACP and support it. God help us. He will bless us if we find the way to put an end to cases like this."

# WINNERS ALL!



**QUEEN FOR A NIGHT** is Suzi Peters, named reigning beauty of the annual Movie Page Ball put on by District 65's Screen Publicists Guild Oct. 14 at the Hotel Pierre. Chosen from a bevy of beautiful contestants, Suzie, 23, made it by just about an inch. She measures 37-26-36 in the usual order.



Record staff photo

**TAKING TITLE** to his newly won 1955 Chevy is Julius Toubine of Arthur Bier textile firm. Julie is grand prize winner of '65' Community Fund Drive awards. Other 65ers won such prizes as luggage, electrical appliances, cosmetic sets and more at membership meetings during the past two months. Fund total topped \$18,000. Julie's shopmates gather round for big moment. L. to r., Bill Damsky, Std. Bill Hollenberg, Org. Dir. Bill Michelson, Std. Sam Kornfeld, Toubine, Local Chairman Hy Levin, '65' Sec.-Treas. Robinson, Bobby Berse.



Record Photo by Roland Willoughby

**DODGER FANS REJOICE** in Club 65 cafeteria, as in every other section of town on the Great Day when long wait for a Brooklyn world championship was joyously ended. Notice the cafeteria scorecard, fittingly adjusted to read "Dodger Bean Soup and Dodger Pot Roast." Yankee Bean Soup is a thing of the past. From the look of him bartender Fred Crenshaw, r., appears to be a Yankee fan. Others are, l. to r., Arcadio Dios, Irving Baum, Paul Shotter, Club 65 Manager Leo Hirshman, Porfirio Ayala.



**HARVEST MOON BALL WINNERS** Armando & Rosetta will teach 65ers the tricks of the light fantastic in Ballroom Dance Classes this season. The team is rated tops, having frequently appeared on TV. Members may register for the popular classes from Oct. 17 through Oct. 20 in person at '65' Center or by mail. Fee for eight weekly sessions is a low, low \$4. Classes running from 7 to 9 p.m., are held Wednesdays for beginners, Fridays for advanced.

# LA VOZ HISPANA

## "Justicia" en Mississippi

Un jurado de doce ciudadanos blancos han libertado a dos hombres blancos del cargo de asesinato en la persona de Emmet Till, un joven negro de 14 años. El jurado llegó al veredicto, de no culpable, después de una hora de deliberación y de considerar la enorme evidencia contra sus medios hermanos.

Roy Bryant y J. W. Milam son hombres libres hoy, pero aun hay sobre ellos los cargos de secuestrar al joven de casa de su tío, un crimen admitido por ellos, ante el sheriff de la localidad. Pero Bryant y Milam tienen muy pocas razones para perder su sueño, pensando en las consecuencias del juicio por secuestro, esto es, si éste se llevara a cabo. Porque ellos serán juzgados por el mismo jurado que los absolvio del delito de asesinato y no cabe duda que el veredicto será una vez más de no culpable.

Lo que pasa a Roy Bryant y J. W. Milam es de poca importancia. Ellos no serán los primeros en cometer un crimen, y no pagar las consecuencias. Lo que es importante es la actitud de los soportadores de la segregación, que no es otro que el contenido del veredicto del jurado.

Por esta acción el jurado ha probado claramente

si es que tal prueba fuera necesaria, que el racismo radica en cada una de sus palabras, para mantener la supremacía blanca en el Sur. Mintieron cuando dijeron estar a favor de igual trato para negros y blancos, porque no hay tal igualdad de trato en las cortes del Sur, donde el jurado está compuesto solamente de ciudadanos blancos. Mienten cuando dicen que los negros están mejor en el Sur, porque saben cuál es su sitio, porque, aunque negros que "saben cuál es su sitio" están sujetos a degradaciones y el miedo constante a la violencia en las manos de un Bryant o un Milam.

Aun el Estado de Mississippi se sintió obligado a poner a Bryant y a Milam bajo un juicio, bajo la presión de la opinión pública en el Norte y personas decentes del Sur.

Pero dónde están los asesinos del Reverendo George W. Lee y Lamar Smith, el agricultor negro de 63 años. Ellos también fueron víctimas del reinado del terror que ha dominado en el Estado de Mississippi, desde que la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos decidió que la segregación en las escuelas públicas era ilegal. Cleveland Robinson, Sec.-Treas. del Distrito 65, adjunto a muchos otros, han señalado las conexiones del movimiento para terminar la segregación en las

escuelas públicas y los linchamientos y asesinatos acacidos últimamente. "No tan sólo en Mississippi," dijo Robinson, "pero si también en estados como Georgia, Carolina del Sur y Luisiana," los racistas están tratando en todas formas de mantener la segregación aunque ellos saben que es una batalla perdida. La integración ha comenzado en muchas secciones del Sur. El viejo Sur está agonizando y un nuevo Sur se levantará.

"Pero americanos que aman la democracia tienen una responsabilidad mientras haya linchamientos de negros y a éstos se les niegue los derechos básicos como seres humanos en una sociedad libre. Debemos hacer que nuestras protestas se oigan para que nuestro Gobierno Federal dé los pasos necesarios para proteger la vida y libertad de todo ser humano."

"Nosotros en el '65' somos partes del CIO y del movimiento obrero americano y dedicados a los principios de igualdad y justicia para todos. Debemos hacer todo lo que esté en nuestro poder, en nuestra Unión, y en las organizaciones de la comunidad para despertar a nuestros compañeros en la necesidad que hay de participar en la lucha para hacer de la democracia una realidad. Una de las formas de cómo hacerlo es ayudando a NAACP, financieramente, y trabajando con ella."



CELEBRACION LATINO-AMERICANA que ha de llevarse a cabo el sábado dia 19 de noviembre en el salón rascacielos del Distrito 65, 13 Astor Place. Musica de Don Santiago y su conjunto tipico Cibaeno. Arriba, Santiago, tercero a la izquierda, quien ayudara para proveer musica, desde las 9:00 p.m. hasta las tres de la madrugada. Comidas hispanas seran servidas en la cafeteria. Las entradas para esta actividad seran \$1.50 por adelantado y \$2.00 en la taquilla. Todos los miembros del 65 y sus familiares son invitados para participar en esta celebracion.

## Beneficios del Plan de Seguro Alcanzan \$15 Millones

Dos puntos importantes han coincidido en el mes pasado en el Plan de Seguro del Distrito 65—el décimo aniversario del Plan, y alcanzar el total de \$15 millones en pagos de beneficios a los miembros y sus familiares, hizo notar Jack Paley, Pres. Ejecutivo, manifestando a la vez "el tremendo crecimiento del programa del Distrito 65 en los últimos diez años."

Mientras se alcanza la gran suma de 15 millones en pagos por el Plan de Seguro, el Plan de las tiendas por departamentos y el Plan de Retiro, los beneficios pagados a los 30,000 miembros y sus familiares, como 75,000 personas en total, esto no puede medirse en términos de pesos y centavos, solamente. En la paz y tranquilidad que provee el plan, por la seguridad y la protección que le acompaña; la seguridad contra el miedo a enfermedades, a la vejez y aun hasta la muerte, por las tremendas consecuencias financieras que ocasionan.

Hizo notar Paley que duramente transcurrió un año sin que se hagan algunas mejoras al Plan, desde su inauguración, en el 1945. Bajo la sabia dirección de Arthur Osman, fundador de nuestra Unión y manager del Plan de Seguro y el Presidente David Livingston, mejoras adicionales se están considerando.

He aquí cómo describe Jack Paley las mejoras del Plan de Seguro desde su fundación.

1945: Comenzó el Plan de Seguro con beneficios de enfermedad, que alcanzaban

\$28.50 semanales por 13 semanas, hospitalización y beneficios de cirugía para los miembros, un máximo de \$1,000 como seguro de muerte, \$1,000 por muerte a causa de accidente y desmembramiento, beneficio de maternidad de seis semanas, más \$50 para ayudar a pagar el recibo del médico.

1947: Beneficios de enfermedad, la mitad del salario, con un máximo de \$35 semanales por 13 semanas, hospitalización para la familia, incluyendo los hijos menores de 18 años y beneficios de maternidad. Estos aumentaron a \$80. Concesiones en las operaciones aumentaron el 25 por ciento. Los beneficios se extendieron a los desempleados.

1948: Los beneficios de enfermedad se extienden a 26 semanas. Se cubre a los familiares de los miembros con beneficios de hospitalización. Beneficios de cirugía en casos de maternidad aumentan a \$75. Beneficios de muerte aumentan a \$4,000.

1949: Beneficios de enfermedad suben a 342 semanales, dos terceras partes del salario por las primeras 13 semanas y la mitad del sueldo por las segundas 13 semanas, beneficios de muerte suben a un

máximo de \$7,000. Surge a la luz al Plan de Retiro.

1952: Incepción del Plan Médico para los miembros y sus familiares.

1953: Beneficios de enfermedad alcanzan un máximo de \$50 semanales. Miembros que sufren accidentes en el trabajo reciben la diferencia entre el pago de la compensación y las concesiones del Plan de Seguro. Beneficios de cirugía aumentan 25 por ciento para aquellos que no están cubiertos por el Plan Médico. Los beneficios de maternidad aumentan a cierto peso.

1954: Se instituyen los beneficios de retiro.

1955: El nuevo Plan Médico, pago por servicio, ofreciendo a todos los miembros cubiertos por el Plan Médico el que escojan entre el HIP y el pago por servicio.

A medida que el Plan de Seguro comienza su segunda década, dijo Paley, sus reservas ofrecen garantías a aquellos cubiertos por el Plan, que se continuarán extendiendo los beneficios y al mismo tiempo los miembros del Distrito 65 miran hacia el futuro, para grandes mejoras en el Plan."

### Edificando la Union:

## El Departamento De Finanza

Por ABELARDO BAEZ

Uno de los departamentos en nuestra Unión más importante, quizás, es el Departamento de Finanza. Hay una sección de este departamento al cual se le llama "problemas." A veces hemos visto en esta sección filas de compañeros hasta de 19 o 20 aguardando para que sus problemas sean resueltos.

Compañeros que desean pagar sus cuotas, para ir a buscar trabajo, compañeros que son llamados a sus trabajos después de haber sido suspendidos, compañeros que desean volver a sus trabajos después de haber estado enfermos y así sucesivamente, un sin número de pequeños problemas por los cuales a veces se pierden tres y cuatro horas para ser solucionados.

Le que hoy vamos a decir es con la intención de que se economice ese tiempo y para la disminución de esos problemas.

Siga estas reglas y gane tiempo:

Cuando a usted se le despide de un trabajo, inscríbase en el tercer piso (Hiring Hall) inmediatamente. Coja un papel de terminación, firmado por su patrón. Si el compañero viene a pagar sus cuotas, sin traer el papel de terminación acarreará problemas y pérdida de tiempo. Cuando usted venga a pagar sus cuotas, traiga su libro de Unión, si está trabajando y su libro de desempeño si no está trabajando. Cuando se va a inscribir sin trabajo, procure tener el papel de terminación.

La fecha del último día de trabajo es muy importante, para solucionar muchos problemas, cuando un compañero sale de la industria para otra o sale de viaje, deberá estar al corriente con el pago de sus cuotas para evitar problemas.

En la tarjeta que cada miembro tiene en el departamento de Finanzas, encontramos escrita la historia de cada uno, desde que se une a la organización.

Debe conservarse esta tarjeta, con las fechas de todos nuestros actos en la organización, cuando nos despiden del trabajo, cuando regresamos al trabajo, cuando nos enfermamos y cuando nos mejoramos. Procuremos hacer y cumplir con todas las reglas y regulaciones de la Unión así no tendremos problemas y haremos de nuestra Unión la mejor y más fuerte para el beneficio de todos.

## Wage Boost, Hour Cut Ends Garfield News Strike

NEWS LOCAL—With an agreement providing modest raises for all clerks and a reduction in hours, the striking Garfield News workers went back on their jobs Oct. 3 after a two-week walkout. The 80 news and candy stand workers ratified the settlement at a shop meeting Saturday night, Oct. 1.

Final negotiations were led by District 65 Pres. David Livingston, who entered the talks after seven months of stalling by the company held up a settlement. Organizer Max Klarer had led the talks to that point.

The workers walked out when their patience was finally worn thin by the company's adamant stand on wages and the question of reduction in the six-day, 48-hour work week. In addition, the company rejected an offer of arbitration of the contract, and failed to appear on several occasions when attempts were made to mediate the dispute.

The strike went solidly from the first day, with all 80 men going out and staying out for the entire two weeks. They were aided by the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union, Ind., whose members refused to cross the picket lines. Just one stand was able to operate, and that only because management personnel were behind the counter.

The firm operates 19 stands in ferry and bus terminals and other locations around the city and in nearby New Jersey.

## 20 Join '65' in Jersey, Win 25-50c in Contract

NEWFIELD, N.J.—Twenty employees of Metallurg, Inc., who organized into District 65 last August in a campaign led by Organizer Saul Klein, won their first '65' contract earlier this month. Wage increases of 25 to 50 cents an hour and other gains were scored by the workers. The firm processes ferrous metal alloys.

As a result of the wage boosts, rates in the shop will go from the present \$1 and \$1.25 an hour to a new high of \$1.60. In addition, the vacation schedule was improved to provide one week after nine months, two weeks after three years. The contract is effective Oct. 3 and for two years thereafter.

The negotiating committee included Klein and newly elected stewards William Blakely and Edward Lewis.

## Employer Security Plan Payments Due Oct. 17

Noting that employer payments to the Security Plan for the third quarter of 1955 are payable on Oct. 17, Security Plan Administrator Irving Baldinger last week urged all District 65 Stewards to check with their employers immediately to see that the necessary payments and earnings reports are filed on time.

The first inspection by the Security Plan committees of the locals is scheduled to take place at the Plan Office on Monday evening, Oct. 24, and the final inspection on Oct. 31.

As a result of employer delinquency in making payments and filing earnings reports on the previous quarterly due date, Baldinger noted that Security Plan claims of 22 members cannot be honored by the Plan.

Through vigorous action by stewards, members in all shops, Baldinger said, will be assured of the tremendous protection and security which the Plan makes possible.

## Dues Inspection for 65ers On Saturday, Oct. 29

The next District 65 dues inspection will be held Saturday, Oct. 29. Dues must be paid through week 39, the end of September. Finance Director Harry Karpe advised.

Karpe urged all stewards to check the union books of the members of their crew to see that they are in good standing and avoid the arrears fine. He said the Finance Dept. will be open after membership meetings for members who wish to pay dues.

# Stern and Namm-Loeser 65ers Lead Way in Organizing Drive

Most noteworthy development in the campaign to organize non-union department stores into District 65 to date is the participation by Stern Bros. and Namm-Loeser 65ers, Organization Dir. Bill Michelson declared.

There are approximately 125 employees at the new Great Neck, L.I. branch of Stern's and most of them

have met the 65ers from the Stern's 42nd Street store and have shown genuine interest in joining the union. Organizers Sol Molofsky and Jim Briggs said. The friendly responses of Great Neck store employees came in contacts with a score of 42nd Street store 65ers, who in the past few weeks have given evenings and days off to visiting the Great Neck people in the store and at their homes.

Michelson, who is directing the '65'

department store campaign, said "This is a wonderful example of the strength of department store 65ers and the immeasurable value of their contribution to the District's department store organizing campaign."

The Long Islanders are returning the home visits by inviting the 65ers to their homes, and new friendships are developing.

Several Great Neck employees have also visited the '65' Center. Impressed as

are all visitors to the model union headquarters at 13 Astor Place, the Stern em-

ployees gave their feelings concrete ex-

pression by promptly signing up and tak-

ing out their membership books in '65.'

A number of Great Neck employees have visited their counterparts in the 42nd Street store, both to see some of the workings of a union store and to learn more about their jobs. Molofsky pointed out that the company needs this added experience among people who work at the Great Neck store and the union is co-operating in that effort. More than that, he said, "the Stern employees in Great Neck and the 42nd Street 65ers are working towards the company's often-stated goal that all Stern employees be like one big happy family. The Stern 65ers are adding just one more thing to that proposition. That is, that this happy family should enjoy all the conditions guaranteed by a union contract."

In the Abraham & Straus campaign, General Organizer Nick Carnes and Organizer Agnes Devlin report that it is the Namm-Loeser 65ers who are responsible for the good progress in the large Brooklyn store. Several score members turn out a couple of times a week for leaflet distributions to A & S workers, and every steward is involved in personal contacts with the A & S people.

The stewards are carrying out a decision made by them at Local 1250 executive board meetings: that they will give days off to go into the A & S store next door and talk up the union, and spend evenings visiting them at their homes as well. Miss Devlin said that thus far, nine out of ten home visits have resulted in signed membership cards.

Miss Devlin pointed out that thus far the sparkplugs among Namm-Loeser employees have been the women, with the only exception of Steward Frank Williams. She called for more of the men to involve themselves in organizing the A&S store.

## Another New Revlon Plant To Add Many New 65ers

COSMETIC & DRUG LOCAL—With business booming for the Revlon Cosmetics Co. largely as a result of its highly successful TV show, the \$64,000 Question, the company is arranging for the purchase of another

wage increases of \$5 and \$6 over two years and further adjustments for employees in lipstick and other manufacturing departments, a \$4 boost in minimums and three-week vacations after 15 years on the job.

Negotiations for purchase of the plant, which has a total space of 270,000 square feet, are presently under way between Revlon and the present owners, Johnson & Johnson, well known surgical dressing manufacturer. The union will meet with management to assure transfer and seniority rights for all Revlon employees in the new plant's opening.

Revlon's other three plants are in the Bronx, Bush Terminal, Brooklyn; and Passaic, N.J. Newest of the three is in Passaic. In company-wide negotiations

on a new contract last spring, the Passaic employees who transferred from their jobs in the Bronx plant won \$3 a week to help pay their additional transportation costs. Other consideration won in connection with the new plant's opening included severance pay for those not able to transfer as well as the protection of pension rights of those eligible to retire under the '65' Pension Plan.

These gains were in addition to regular contract improvements which included

Zavattaro also reported the settlement of a number of grievances in the three plants. Among them were vacation pay for about 25 employees laid off due to the company's expansion to Passaic, and proper job classification of several employees, with back pay according to their new, higher ratings.



RECORD PHOTO BY WEINSTEIN, FRANKLIN AND FRANCIS  
STRIKING VIEW of District 65 General Council meeting in Penthouse Oct. 5 shows full house of 800 stewards. They heard Organization Dir. Bill Michelson single out Stern and Namm-Loeser 65ers for best contribution to department store organizing drive. At mike is Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, who deeply moved stewards with talk on Emmett Till's murder.

# RECREATION news

## Gym-Swim Program – for Fun and Health



Chilly winds and falling leaves usually mean that dreary winter is not far off, is coming, but to hundreds of 65ers they're the signal for a bright season of indoor physical activity in the Union's famous Gym-Swim program. The Recreation Dept. announces that tickets for the season—September thru May—are available to 65ers and friends at \$1 each at Recreation Dept., from organizers or at Consumer Service.

The going's on, for those who don't yet know, consist of all indoor sports, including swimming, using the fine facilities of Julia Richman High School at 68th St. and Second Ave., Manhattan.

Take your pick: Swimming, basketball, handball, volleyball, weight lifting, tennis practice, golf putting, ping pong, badminton, calisthenics. Swimming instruction is available three nights a week.

The gym and pool are open every night of the week from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday thru Fridays, and it's all yours for only \$1 for the entire season. Get up a group from your shop or store and share in this easy way to fun and health.



## SCRIMMAGE SESSIONS SET FOR '65' HOOP TEAMS

Teams are shaping up for action in this season's District 65 basketball league. A field of eight entries is expected to start the battle for the coveted '65' basketball crown, with practice scrimmages due this month and actual league play set for November. Some squads have held practice sessions during the past few weeks, and of course all eyes are keeping a lookout for the squad able to take the cup away from the perennial champs from Retail Drug Local 1199.

One team rated a good chance is Revlon Cosmetics, where captain Frank King reports he has a crackerjack squad if it gets rolling. Maybe they'll reach the top plateau.

The Garment Area team, under the guidance of John Oliva and Ernie Fagan, could come up with a fairly good squad if all 6 members of the '65' Varsity who come from the Garment Local get together.

Lerners will also be back in action this year and Tony Crews has been holding workouts on his squad. This has been the real hard luck team of the past tournaments. Lerners has always had a squad

capable of winning, but it always folded at the last minute.

George McIntosh of Doubleday Book says he has quite a few top-notch ballplayers under wraps. We'll have to go along with him. He did come up last year with the best ballplayer ever seen in '65' play, in the person of Al Jones.

The rest of the field should include teams from Direct Mail, Davega, Bloomingdales, Screen Local and the New Jersey Local.

All squads competing in the League will have a chance to look at the opposition at scrimmage games which will be

played on Oct. 25 and 28.

The League is expected to open on Nov. 15 at the Stuyvesant H. S. gym. There are plenty of openings on every

squad. If you're interested, call the Recreation Dept. and you will be put in contact with the team captain in your local.

## B'dale Bowlers Set Fast Opening Pace

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## DISTRICT 65 MEETING NOTICE

### OCTOBER

DATE	LOCAL	TIME	PLACE
Sunday Oct. 16	Union News Membership .....	1:00 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge
Monday Oct. 17	Direct Mail II .....	7:00 P.M.	Green Room
" " Shoe .....	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse	
" " Insurance .....	3:00 P.M.	Room 508	
" " Corr. Nite Shift .....	11:00 A.M.	5th Floor Lounge	
" " Millinery .....	7:00 P.M.	Oval Room	
Tuesday Oct. 18	New People's Candy .....	10:00 A.M.	Room 508
" " Ret. Gen. Queens-Jamaica .....	7:00 P.M.	Whitman Hotel	
" " Local 5 .....	7:00 P.M.	Green Room	
" " Hardware .....	7:00 P.M.	Oval Room	
" " Local 2 Non-Sell .....	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse	
" " Local 2 Selling .....	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse	
" " Retail TV .....	7:30 & 10:45 P.M.	Clover Room	
" " New Jersey .....	8:30 P.M.	Continental Ballroom	
" " Knitwear .....	7:00 P.M.	Oval Room	
" " Cigar .....	7:00 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge	
" " Display Dept. Store .....	7:00 P.M.	Room 508	
" " Dry Goods .....	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse	
" " Garment .....	7:00 P.M.	Green Room	
" " Display-Service .....	7:00 P.M.	Room 508	
" " Display-Shoe .....	10:00 A.M.	Room 508	
Saturday Oct. 22	General Off. .....	6:45 P.M.	Green Room
Monday Oct. 24	Needle .....	6:30 P.M.	Panel Room
" " Sample Card .....	6:30 P.M.	Oval Room	
" " Dental .....	7:00 P.M.	Room 508	
Tuesday Oct. 25	Chem. & Paint .....	7:00 P.M.	Panel Room
" " Local 1350 .....	7:00 P.M.	Green Room	
" " Ret. Gener. .....	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room	
Wednesday Oct. 26	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL .....	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
Thursday Oct. 27	Corrugated .....	6:30 P.M.	Penthouse
" " Screen .....	7:00 P.M.	Oval Room	
" " RTV Jersey .....	7:00 P.M.	Continental Ballroom	

Local 2 Bloomingdale meetings for the month of October will be held on a divisional basis. Following is a list of the dates, time, place and division as they are scheduled to meet. Non-Selling, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Green Room; Office Division, Oct. 24, 7 p.m. Clover Room; Selling, Oct. 26, 7:15 p.m. Green Room; Parttimers, Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m. Caravan Hall, 110 E. 60 Street and also 8 p.m. at Local 2 headquarters located at 142 E. 60 Street.

## CLASSIFIED ads

Things to Sell, Buy, Swap

### Things for Sale

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC GUITAR. Ediphone, complete with case, music and amplifier. Practically brand new. Original price \$175, will sacrifice \$45. NY 8-5744.

REFRIGERATOR. Servel, like new, 7 cubic feet. Tremendous buy. Call eves. IN 7-7897.

PERSIAN PAW COAT. Size 16, Black. Sacrifice, \$100. Call eves., KI 7-5339.

MAPLE BEDROOM SET. Double bed, bureau & dresser. Excellent condition. Very reasonable. AL 4-2652, after 6:30 evens. Saturday, Sunday. Krefets, 80 Lenox Rd., B'klyn, off Flatbush Ave.

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WASHING MACHINE. A.B.C., fully automatic, 3 years old, perfect condition. Reasonable. Call RA 8-9987.

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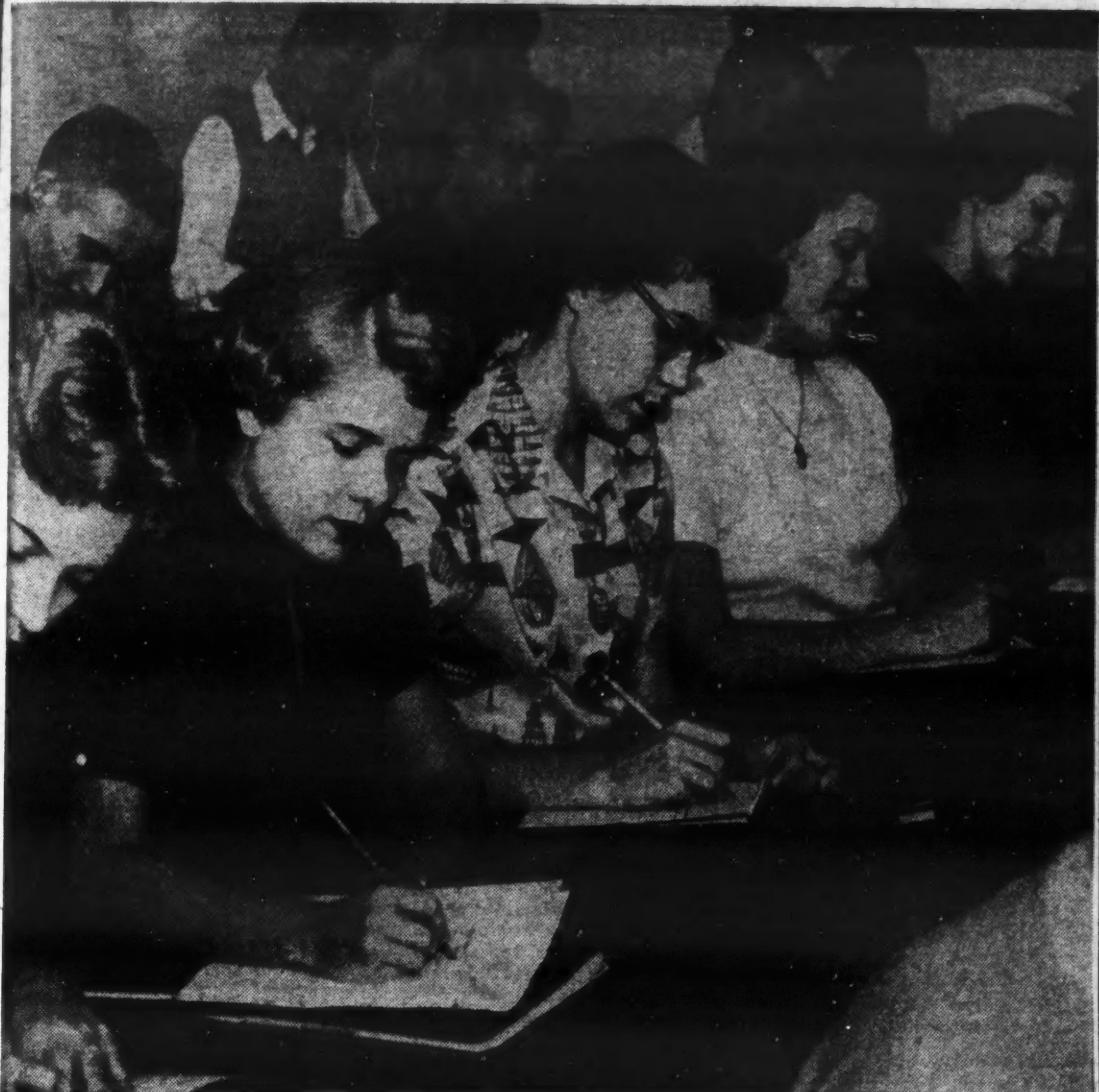
### Wanted

CAR WANTED 1950 or '51, 4-door car. Must be mechanically good. Ask for Joe. Evenings, NY 8-5744.

EDITOR WITH SPLICER. 8 m.m. Also car radio for 1952 De Soto. Call TM 7-3364.

feature Section

# Mary Holmes At College— Thanks to Kansas Local



A cute blonde from Western Kansas community of 1,612 people has just entered training to be a teacher. She is the first teacher-scholarship student to be sponsored by the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 184L of the RWDSU, in Kansas City.

The scholarship student is Miss Mary Holmes, daughter of a farm couple in Ness City, Kansas. Miss Holmes has entered Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, along with 24 other students sponsored by CIO and AFL affiliates in Kansas.

Organized labor's aim is to help meet the critical teacher shortage, which exists in Kansas and most other states. A year ago the Kansas CIO sponsored six scholarships at Emporia State. This year the AEL has joined in and the figure is up to 25. Each sponsored student has agreed to teach a year in Kansas for each year he or she gets the scholarship.

Local 184L joined with Kansas labor this year to sponsor an outstanding teacher-trainee. International Rep. John Capell worked with a selection committee, and Mary Holmes, a photogenic little blond with a crinkly grin, was selected.

Miss Holmes has something more than good looks and a desire to be an outstanding teacher. She had a 2.8 grade average in high school, close to a straight "A", and ranked high in her graduating class. She was outstanding in music and in dramatics, sang in the Methodist Church choir, was a class officer, worked part-time in a drugstore and later in a bank, and took an active part in high school social activities.

#### Getting to Know Union Members

Miss Holmes had never had any contact with trade union members. Since the start of school, however, she has met several members of Local 184L who were working at the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka, and has had a chance to see a little of organized labor's programs. She expects to be a guest at a meeting of '184L' sometime soon, while Capell and several others of the Kansas labor leadership have already visited with her in Emporia.

The scholarship given Miss Holmes this year totals \$300, half being provided by '184L' and the other half by Emporia State Endowment Association. While the Local 184L leadership has expressed an interest in helping Miss Holmes complete her education, rules of the college say that the student's record must be re-examined and a new award made each year.

Miss Holmes, oddly enough, had already chosen Distributive Education as her major. She will be qualified to work with high school students in in-service training in retail establishments upon graduation.

Room, board, fees, books, and supplies total about \$600 at Emporia State while at least \$150 additional goes for clothing, cleaning, cosmetics, entertainment, and other activities that an active college freshman can plan. While the scholarship helps a lot, Miss Holmes does not have savings enough for the balance. So she is employed as a clerk in a nearby student hangout, Bidwell's Pharmacy.

She still finds time to enjoy herself, to have a few dates with an Emporia State basketball star (although she is quick to point out that her real romantic interest is still the "boy back home"), and to take part in school activities.

As Local 184L members get better acquainted with Mary Holmes, they feel more and more that they have made a good investment and are supporting a "real winner" in the effort to provide Kansas with enough outstanding teachers.



Mary has full schedule, what with classes and clerk's job in pharmacy after school—but she finds time for occasional dates with Emporia State basketball star.



Physical education is part of curriculum at Emporia State Teachers College, where Mary Holmes is a student. Here she's with instructor Dorothy Martin.



She didn't know much about unions, but Mary is learning. Mentors here are H. H. Cupp (l.), president of Local 184L RWDSU, and Int'l Rep. John Capell.

## letters to the editor:

### Praises 'Record' Editorial

To the Editor: I guess I'm not the only one to write you about the fine editorial in The Record of Sept. 18, titled, "How Two Negroes Died: A Lesson for the Living." I was proud that my union paper had such a fine editorial on the case of that young boy who was killed in Mississippi, Emmett Till. I wonder if you know that the editorial in The Record was quoted on the radio news broadcast of Vandercook?

ARNOLD PETERSON  
Chicago, Ill.

*(Editor's Note: The letter above is one of many praising the editorial on the Till case, which showed the contrast between a white Chicago worker who died in a fire trying to save a Negro woman, and the bestial murder of Emmett Till in Mississippi. The editorial was quoted by the New York Post as well as Vandercook.)*

### Charming Macy's Member

To the Editor: Some time ago you asked members of the union to write in and tell you about interesting people who also are members of RWDSU.

I would like to tell you about a very charming member who belongs to Local 1-S in New York City. If you would like to see what she looks like you have only to go to a newsstand and look at the cover of Our World magazine. The girl on the cover works in R.H. Macy's at the drug counter. Her name is Frances Wallace and she is very intelligent and very pleasant and friendly, as well as being very pretty and one of the best dressed women anywhere.

Her ambition is to be a buyer in Macy's. She spends quite a few hours, after working at the store, modeling for photographers. She has been on the cover of Jet, a weekly news magazine and her picture has been in Ebony and Say. Last month there was an attractive picture of Frances in the Bathing Beauty feature of the Sunday magazine section of the Daily News.

In the May issue of Our World there was a 10 page story called "Does Macys' Tell Gimbel's" showing the daily routine of two salesgirls in the rival stores. Frances was the girl from Macy's.

She is an accomplished singer and is

active in the choir of St. Marks Church in Manhattan.

Her home town is Jacksonville, Florida. She was first hired at Macy's for 30 days during a price war. Though she had never worked before, her neatness, efficiency and pleasantness to the customers impressed everyone and she was kept on permanently. Since this start in 1951, she has become a sponsor in the dept. and a shop steward in Local 1-S.

I am sure a story and pictures of Frances in your paper would provide good pin-up material. By the way, her brother is Coley Wallace, the well-known prize fighter who played the title role in the movie, "The Joe Louis Story."

Macy's is the nurturing ground where many young singers, dancers, and actors have earned bread and butter money while trying to get ahead in show business. For instance, Tom Ewell, the lucky man ogling M. Monroe in "Seven Year Itch", once "ogled" at customers from behind the tie counter.

A young man who once worked with several well known bands as a musician and arranger and who now has earned a promotion to an executive in hosiery, after a start in Macy's as salesman, is Clayburne Williams. Nelson Gordon who works in the stock dept., once had his own vocal quartet, "The Silver Leaf", who sang in night clubs and theatres. Louise Jones, who's now with Macy's, once sang with Duke Ellington's band.

I'm sure there are very many other interesting people at Macy's. I work there myself and am proud to be a member of the union. If I come across any more newsworthy people, I'll write to you.

CAROL PLUMB  
New York City

### Dislikes Cemetery Article

To the Editor: Boy, your story in your Aug. 15 paper about "Watch Out for Cemetery Gyps" really burns me up.

You write as if you know not anything about some of the finer cemeteries in this country. Sure, there are "fly by nighters" in everything, even some unions, but they are the only ones you mention in your article by Sidney Margolius.

If you will bother to find out, you will learn a good cemetery offers a very good plan and is worth the money. You should give a dog his dues.

HENRY R. TILLMAN  
Jacksonville, Fla.

## PRODUCERS OF THE NATION

KANSAS  
A.F. of L. and C.I.O.

LABOR SHOWED ITS WARES at the Kansas State Fair at Topeka Sept. 10 to 18, AFL and CIO cooperated in both which showed the many products made by union labor in the state of Kansas. An active participant in the Fair was RWDSU Local 184L of Kansas City.

## MOVIES

in  
review

### THE DESPERATE HOURS—★★★

Take a familiar story—that of a group of escaped convicts holding a family captive in their home—add some superior performances and top direction, and the result is a surprisingly exciting thriller. Credit Humphrey Bogart as the leader of the desperadoes and Frederick March as the father of the family for turning this routine tale into a top film.

The suspense keeps mounting in The Desperate Hours from the moment three criminals invade a quiet suburban home threatening to wipe out the family if the police find them there. Gradually the tension builds as the convicts begin to quarrel among themselves and make the mistakes that eventually lead to their doom, and the family is torn between a desire to be rid of the thugs and a fear that the police will capture them in their home.



Supporting performances by Robert Middleton as a brutish gangster, Martha Scott as the mother, Arthur Kennedy as a detective, and Richard Byer and Mary Murphy as the children are particularly good.

It should be noted that in this picture "yours is not to reason why." Otherwise you might question the good sense of the father and daughter who are permitted to go to business but make no attempt to get help, fearing for their family's safety. But go to see the picture and enjoy it for what it is—an excellent exercise in screen excitement.

—LILLIAN STEPHENS

### SEVEN CITIES OF GOLD—★

Father Junipero Serra, a Franciscan missionary, set out from Mexico in 1769 with the Portola military expedition in search of the legendary cities of gold that lay to the northeast. It was a rugged march of 1,000 miles. The glowing accounts of the fabulous wealth were discovered to be fables of the imagination, but in the years following the expedition Serra founded nine missions on the California coast and converted some 6,000 Indians to his faith. Such are the facts Hollywood has wrapped in the lavish trappings of CinemaScope, DeLuxe color and Stereophonic sound to produce Seven Cities of Gold, an historical piece somewhat less than 14-karat in quality.

Michael Rennie contributes a sincere performance in the role of Father Serra and Anthony Quinn as the military commander, Portola, is convincing. Their relationship as leaders of the expedition is plausible and their differences in approach and treatment of the natives is credible. But as an historical document, the picture is tarnished by such episodes as the Jose-Ula affair. Jose (Richard Egan), a Spanish soldier, trifles with the affections of the gorgeous Indian Ula (Rita Moreno). When Jose reveals he cannot marry her, Ula commits suicide. Jose sacrifices himself to pacify the aroused Indians. Jeffrey Hunter, as the native chieftain, also detracts from the authenticity of the proceedings.

Seven Cities of Gold has an occasional glitter but all that glitters is not gold.

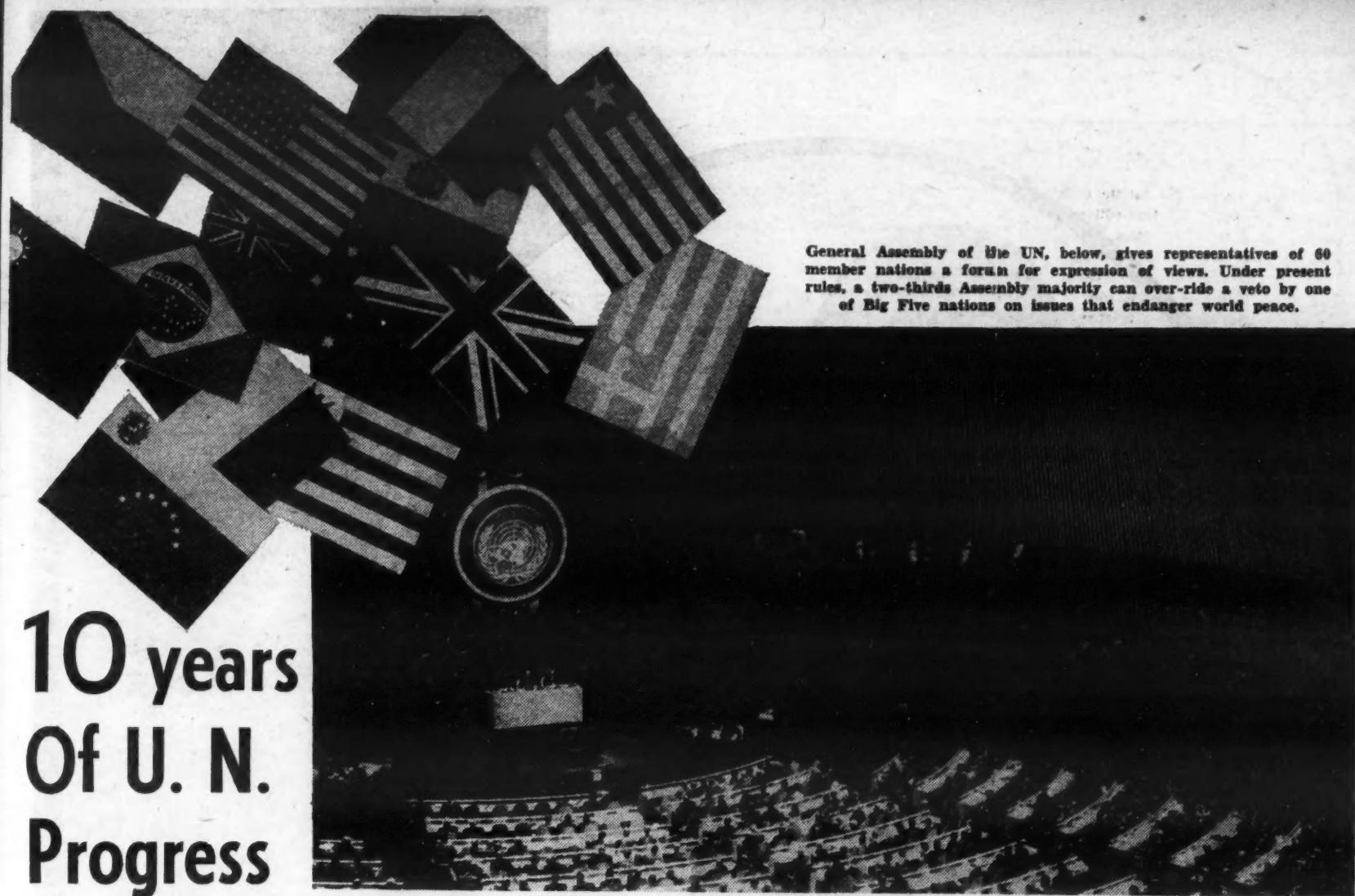
—MILLIE TILLER

### RECORD MOVIE RATING

★★★  
The Desperate Hours  
The Deep Blue Sea  
The Night of the Hunter  
The African Lion  
The Phenix City Story  
Love is a Many Splendored Thing  
Oklahoma  
Mister Roberts  
The Divided Heart  
Cinerama Holiday

★★  
I Am a Camera  
You're Never Too Young  
Marty  
Summertime  
To Hell & Back  
My Sister Eileen  
It's Always Fair Weather

★★  
Seven Cities of Gold  
The Kentuckian  
To Catch a Thief  
The Virgin Queen  
The Man From Laramie  
Ulysses  
Pete Kelly's Blues  
Blood Alley  
The McConnell Story  
Bengal



# 10 years Of U. N. Progress

October 24, 1955 marks the tenth anniversary of the United Nations. On that date in 1945 the UN Charter, which had been drawn up six months earlier at the San Francisco Conference, went into effect and a new world organization was born.

How well has the UN succeeded? Certainly we are all aware that during this past decade—an era of "peace"—there has scarcely been a single day when warfare did not rage in some part of the globe. The threat of an atomic world war is still a grave one; in many parts of the world human rights and dignity and freedom are limited or denied altogether; economic and social advancement in many areas has been practically non-existent.

Nevertheless, the UN can rightly term its first decade a success. The world has been spared the horror of a third war, and there are even glimmers, since the Geneva Conference, of a more lasting peace. Outbreaks of warfare have been confined to relatively limited areas, and the powers of UN have been successfully invoked in bringing about cessation of hostilities in many of these instances. In Korea, for the first time in history, an international organization took collective military action against aggression.

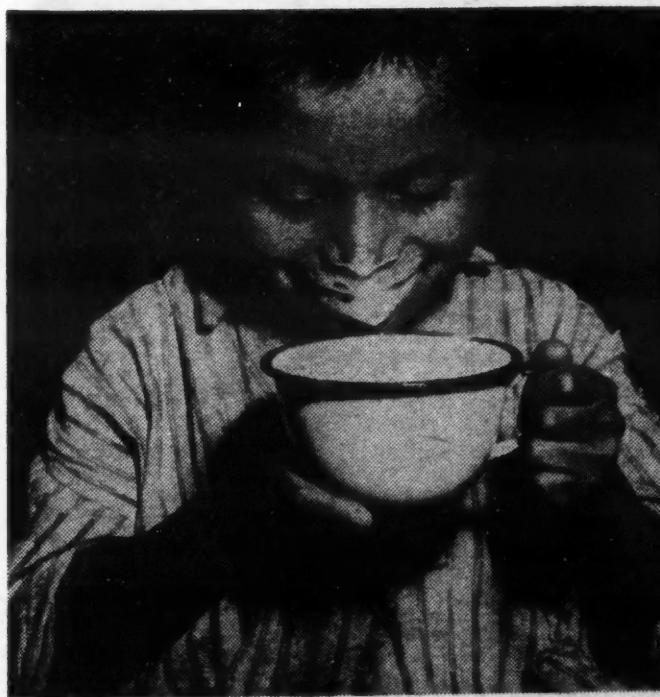
The very existence of the UN—its function as a world forum for discussion of differences and presentation of grievances—serves a great purpose.

General Assembly of the UN, below, gives representatives of 60 member nations a forum for expression of views. Under present rules, a two-thirds Assembly majority can over-ride a veto by one of Big Five nations on issues that endanger world peace.

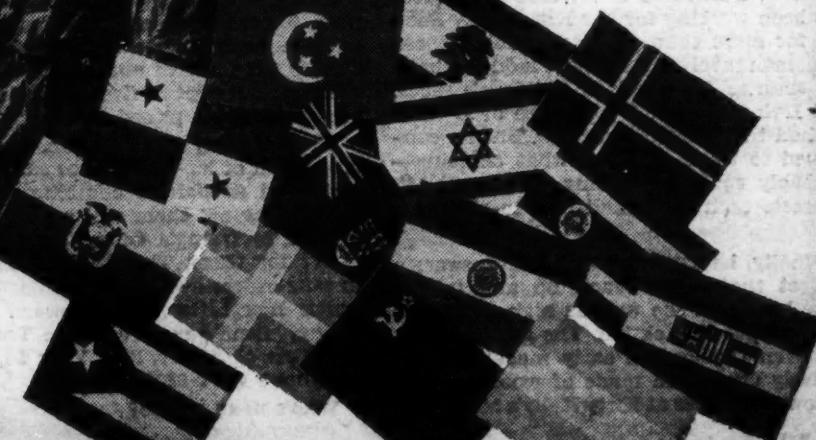
But the UN differs from its unhappy predecessor, the League of Nations, in that it is more than a mere talk-fest. The UN has powers delegated to it by the member nations, powers which make it an effective force in the world despite various limitations imposed by demands for national sovereignty.

There are many other fields in which the UN functions, all of them making a contribution in some degree to the peace, security and well-being of the world. International bodies have been set up to deal with economic, social and cultural problems. Most recently, an international conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy was held in Geneva in August.

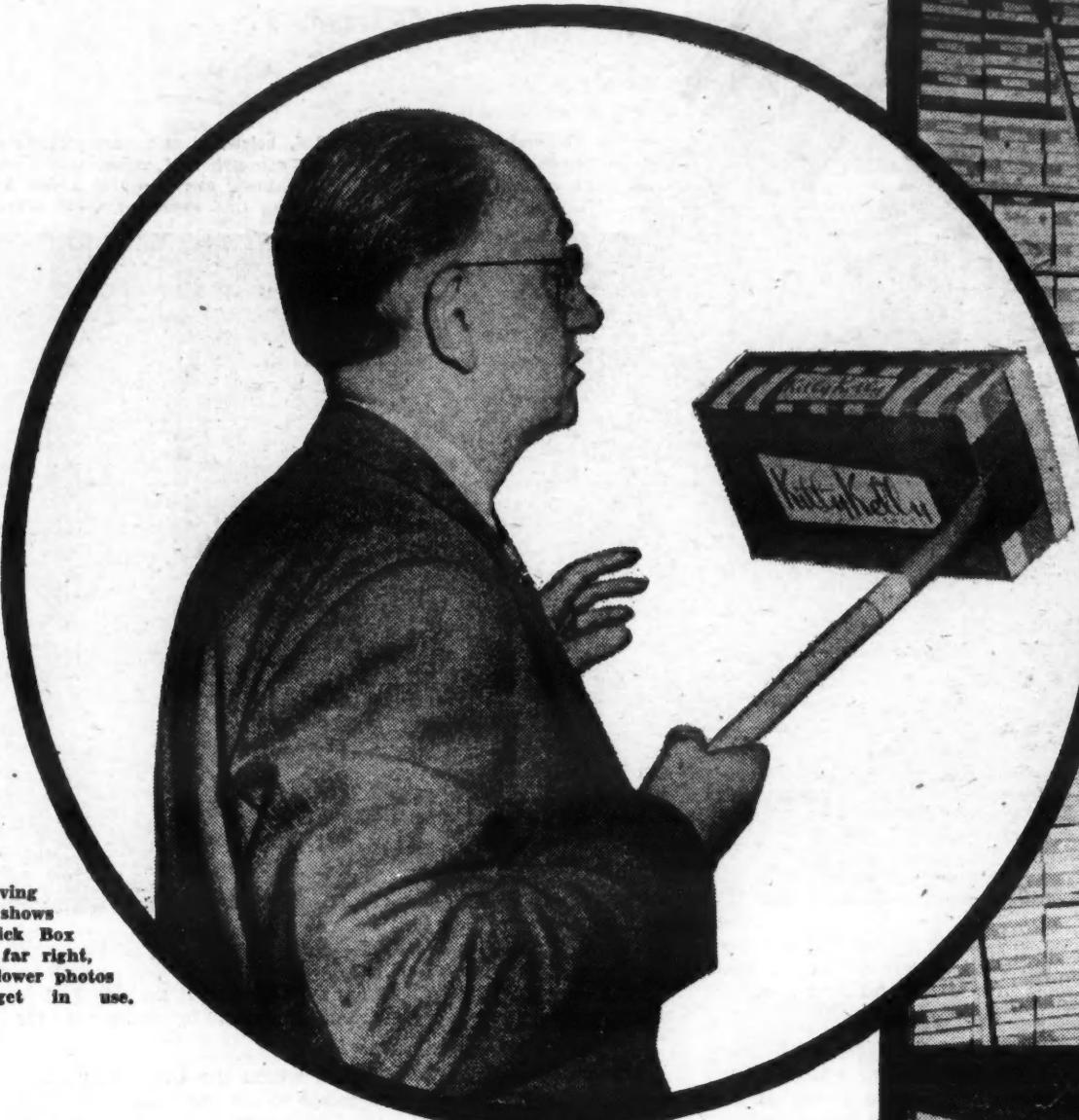
As the UN embarks on its second decade, its prestige and its acceptance by the peoples of the world are greater than ever before. Grave problems confront it: the Formosa Straits are still a danger spot, as are other parts of Southeast Asia where the so-called "cold war" is still being fought with bullets. The disputes between France and its North African colonies, between Israel and the Arab nations; the still unsettled issues of Korea and Vietnam—these and other problems will continue to confront the UN. But serious as they are, we all know that the plight of the world would be a lot worse if there were no United Nations.



Guatemalan child enjoys milk provided by UN through its Children's Fund which aids 32 million kids and mothers in 90 countries. At right, soldiers of four nations, photographed during Korean conflict, symbolize UN collective action against aggression.



Inventor Irving Gerendasy shows off his Quick Box Lifter. At far right, upper and lower photos show gadget in use.



## N. J. Member Invents Step-Saving Gadget

We all know the old saying, "Necessity is the mother of invention." Unfortunately, not enough of us are able to give birth to an invention even when we know there's a need for it. For example, shoe salesmen have been climbing up and down ladders for years—and falling off them, too—and nobody ever thought of an easier and safer way of pulling down a box of shoes from an upper shelf.

Nobody thought of it, that is, until Irving Gerendasy of Newark, N. J. put his mind to work on the problem.

Irving, a member of RWDSU Local 108, has been working for the Kitty Kelly Shoe Co. for more than 25 years. Selling shoes to women involves even more ladder-climbing than selling men's or children's shoes, and Irving really did his share of it—and he had his share of falls too. But he continued to think about all that climbing—probably equal to walking up several Mt. Everests each year—and how to eliminate it.

Finally, he came up with the answer: a gadget that could reach up and take a shoe box from the wall as high as 12 feet up, and put it back too. The gadget worked, even though the early model was relatively crude and made of wood. Irving's fellow employees at Kitty Kelly's Market St.

store said "What hath Irving wrought?" (or the equivalent) and gladly began using what has since become known as the Quick Box Lifter.

They found that it eliminated 90 per cent of their ladder climbing, and 100 per cent of the crash landings they had formerly made. Since they began using it, the company's insurance representative says, not a single ladder accident has occurred in that store. And he wishes every other store would begin using the Quick Box Lifter and reduce casualties accordingly.

Irving is making that possible. He's applied for a patent and is already in production with a streamlined steel Lifter, able to take lots of abuse, and fitted with either a four-foot or five-foot pole. And it's very reasonably priced too.

There's every reason to believe that a procession of leg-weary shoe salesmen who have had enough of climbing up ladders and falling off them will soon be beating a path to Irving's door. Just to make it easier for them, The Record will be glad to take orders and handle inquiries on the Quick Box Lifter, and forward them to Irving. Send your request to The Record, 132 West 43 Street, New York 36, N. Y. or telephone WI 7-9303.

Who's next, please?





## Exclusive

# Interview With Charles Abrams, Housing Expert

By HARRY RHEIN

"Housing is one of America's biggest headaches and one of the underlying reasons behind many of its discontents." The man who said this knows what he's talking about. Charles Abrams, Rent Administrator and head of the Temporary State Housing Rent Commission of the biggest state in the nation, New York, has lived and breathed housing for the past 30 years.

At the age of 54, Abrams has been a lawyer; teacher in several colleges and universities; newspaper columnist; adviser to city, state, national and international housing authorities; and author of a number of books and pamphlets and a steady stream of articles on the housing problem. These activities have been another expression of Charlie Abrams' dedication to enough of the right kind of houses for the people who need them most.

The scope of the job he has tackled was made clear as he answered the question—what is America's housing problem? He picked up his latest book, "Forbidden Neighbors," and read:

"The housing problem is not enough housing and not the right kind; bad housing or no housing at all; houses too large or too small; the damp walls or vermin; the four flights of stairs, or the desperate need to get one's mother-in-law a separate flat, the unbearable rent, the smoke, soot, smog; the traffic, crime and delinquency; the longing for trees, room, play space or change of scene; the noise, smell, heat or darkness."

Abrams says that one-third of our nation's families still live in slums. And at least half of our nation cannot afford to rent or buy proper housing. We need to build every year at least two million non-farm dwelling units for the next five years and 2,400,000 thereafter for ten years to provide for these Americans.

"We have been building almost entirely for the high income groups," he said. "There has to be greater emphasis on low income groups and minorities. Our colored population, for instance, live four times as overcrowded as the whites, and the proportion of substandard housing among colored citizens is six times as great as among whites. Meeting the needs of this minority is financially feasible and would entail no strain on the supply of national land or materials."

### Slum Clearance During Housing Emergency

Recently, Robert Moses, New York City's most powerful single influence on housing, applauded a slum clearance project by private enterprise in Harlem. This project is leading to displacement of a large group of low-income families, who will have to make room for those able to pay \$32 per room per month. Abrams' attitude is: "Slum-clearance ought to be held down to a minimum during the housing emergency until vacancies appear. Then slum clearance should be resumed. Until then only dangerous houses should be demolished."

He said that, while people who could afford to pay \$32 a room also need to be housed, "The need is much greater in the case of the low

income groups." On a recent conclusion of the New York Mayor's Committee on Better Housing that middle income people in New York have the greatest need for housing, Abrams differed, saying:

"There is just no way out for the low income group. They live in the worst houses, paying as much as 40 percent of their income when the most that they can actually afford is ten percent in the cities. This is causing major social repercussions—in delinquency, in racial tensions, disruption of home life, health and morale."

What of the Republican Administration's record on public housing? "What record?", Mr. Abrams asked. "The housing program follows most aspects of the Republican program—socialism for the rich and private enterprise for the poor. Bosses are being socialized. Builders are being subsidized. Profits are being underwritten. The whole urban renewal and public housing program is more of a displacement program than a creative program to end the housing shortage. It just scratches the surface and leaves an ugly bruise."

### Democrats Favor Comprehensive Program

Of the Democrats, Mr. Abrams, who is an appointee of Democratic Governor Harriman, said they "have not only been responsible for initiating the housing program but have always advocated a comprehensive program. Since the late Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio died, there has never been any real interest in housing in Republican quarters."

Mr. Abrams' voice rose and he paced the floor as he commented, "I also think that the GOP has sold out on the racial issue while trying to get the southern votes. Minorities are getting a rough deal all over the country. There is virtually no housing being built for minorities. Thousands are being dispossessed by government building operations. The U.S. Racial Relations Service has been destroyed and the Housing Agency seems to be accepting the dictates of the old, bigoted real estate lobby."

In his own New York, Abrams said it was too early to evaluate the achievements of Gov. Harriman's Administration in housing. According to a semi-annual report to the Governor from the Abrams agency, emphasis has been on grappling with various housing rackets in so-called co-operatives and furnished apartments, rent control evasion techniques, evasion of laws on building hazards and others. Since Charles Abrams took office last January, there has been an increase of 50 percent in processing rent reduction cases brought against landlords for housing violations. Mr. Abrams says new and positive programs are in the making for the coming months.

He described what American housing goals should be. "A home for every family in a decent environment, within the family means, and the freedom to move and get another one. Freedom from fear of foreclosure."

You get the feeling after meeting him that the millions who are living with a housing problem have a genuine friend in Charles Abrams.

"How to Buy"

# Stay Away from 'Debt Poolers'

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for The Record

One shake of the economic tree and a lot of families now carrying a record-high load of installment debt are going to be in trouble. In fact, business-commentator Elmer Roessner reports that the American Collectors Association finds the number of bills turned over to its members for collection has jumped ten percent this year, and that bills are getting harder to collect.

Conservative bankers consider it risky for a family to assume a total installment of more than ten percent of its income. But one survey indicates that over 13 million families are now paying out more than ten percent of their income in installment payments, and over half of these (about 7½ million) are making payments totaling 20 to 40 percent of income. A leading debt pooling service reports that 90 percent of its accounts, who are people in serious financial trouble, are paying on cars.

Often the man or family that has gotten over its head in debt needs some outside help in fending off its creditors, or at least it is often panicked into thinking it does. That's why debt-pooling services have gotten numerous recently. These services operate under such titles as "budget consultants," "debt liquidators," "pro-raters," etc. They charge a fee of ten percent or more of your total debt, and try to solve your financial problems by arranging regular small payments with your creditors. That is, the more honest debt pooling services try to do this. There have been cases in which debt poolers collected fees with little result in reducing the client's debt load and staving off creditors' demands.

This department previously advised that families in debt avoid the debt-pooling services heavily advertised over the air and in newspapers, and instead seek the aid of their own credit union and family service bureaus, or attempt to make their own arrangements to quiet the threats of creditors, and if necessary, use the help of the bankruptcy courts to compel creditors to accept extended payments.

One of the older and apparently more reputable debt poolers has challenged these recommendations, and states that the firm not only has been able to help some 1500 families in its four years of existence, but works closely with labor unions, credit unions, plant personnel people, attorneys and such community organizations as the Legal Aid, Family Service and welfare departments. C. V. Neal, Jr., of the Credit Management Group of Des Moines, Iowa, states that some credit unions themselves have created customers for his service by lending families so much they have not enough income after deductions to meet current living expenses. He charges that much of the criticism of the debt poolers is inspired by small loan companies (who themselves promote "consolidation loans" to pay off debtors at higher rates than even the debt poolers charge). Mr. Neal further declares that a debt pooler's fee of ten percent of the total debts is cheaper than a credit union's interest charge of 10 or 12 per cent a year.

## Advice: Stay Away from "Debt-Poolers"

Even though Mr. Neal may sincerely try to extricate debtors by putting them on a minimum budget and devoting their remaining income to paying the creditors, this department again says: stay away from debt poolers as well as loan companies promoting a debt consolidation loan.

Here's why:

Credit union rates are not higher than the debt pooling fees. They're lower. A debt pooler's ten percent fee on a total debt of \$1,000 is \$100. Most credit unions charge \$50 or \$60 interest on a \$1,000 loan repaid within 12 months, and some as little as \$30.

Most of the people in debt to the point where they seek a debt-pooling service are buying cars or television sets. In some cases the debt pooler tries to return this merchandise to the creditor, with the debtor agreeing to pay an additional sum if the creditor suffers any loss on the returned merchandise. This way a deficiency judgment against the debtor is avoided. But if a debtor must give up his car or other merchandise, he should first see what he can get for it on a private sale or turn the car over to someone else who will assume the rest of the debt, rather than return it and pay an additional sum to the dealer.

Mr. Neal's company says it avoids asking small-loan companies to reduce their interest fees except when they were taking too much of the debtor's income due to the large number of loans. "Loan companies are entitled to their profit as much as any other merchant." Well, that's just where an aggressive credit-union committee or welfare or other community organization would make its first attempt to get a family out of trouble. Melvin Sherman, a long-time worker in Eastern credit unions, says that many times a committee would go to the loan companies and installment dealers—the merchants of debt—and induce them to reduce the amount of a debt by arguing that the lender or merchant was initially responsible because it overloaded the family with debt.

You'll buy more cars and TV sets in the long run by getting on a cash basis in your buying, and avoiding the 18-42 percent interest rates of loan companies and some installment dealers, and the debt poolers' fees.

But if you're already mired in debt, set up your own budget of minimum living expenses, as the debt poolers do, pay off your creditors with the remaining income, and call on your own community organizations for help, if necessary. You don't have to pay a fee for a social service worker's assistance.

## Tips for the Homemaker

New wood that is to be enameled should first have enamel undercoater applied to its surface. Then, all cracks and nail head indentations should be filled with putty. Level the surface, as you work, so you'll have the minimum of sanding to do after the putty is dry. Blow the enamel on from the tip of your brush.

The late revival of interest in canopy beds. Obviously, they have always been in style for Provincial and Early American rooms. Now, in streamlined form, they are appearing in contemporary settings with attractively tailored canopies and neat, clean lines. They lend an air of elegance matched by few other pieces of furniture.

Before they are painted, make sure that

all surfaces are clean. They should also be thoroughly dry—unless you are planning to use a cement-base paint.

Choose a windy day to launder a chenille spread. Suds the spread well in hot water, rinse and extract the excess water. Then double the spread over so that the face of the chenille is inside the fold and hang it where the wind can whip through the fabric. The circulation will rub the tufts together, and help bring back their original fluffiness.

For a delicious Sunday brunch, serve browned pork sausages with glazed apple rings, cornbread and coffee. Serve orange or tomato juice and cereal first, if desired.

## Noodle Taste-Treats



By DOROTHY MADDOX

Egg noodles combine well with protein foods such as frankfurters and frozen fish fillets. Use these combinations to produce bountiful, one-dish meals.

### Noodle-Star Casserole (Makes 4-6 servings)

One tablespoon salt, 3 quarts boiling water, 8 ounces medium egg noodles (about 4 cups), two 10½-ounce cans condensed tomato soup, ½ cup milk, 1 cup grated, processed American cheese (about ¼ pound), 1 small head cauliflower, broken into flowerets and cooked; 6 frankfurters, cut into quarters.

Add 1 tablespoon salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add noodles so that water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain in colander.

Combine noodles, soup, milk and cheese; mix well. Turn half of noodle mixture into greased 2-quart casserole; place cauliflower in center of noodles.

Add half of frankfurters. Cover with remaining noodle mixture. Place remaining frankfurters on top in attractive arrangement.

Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 to 40 minutes, or until frankfurters are done.

### Perch and Noodles Amandine (Makes 4-6 servings)

One-quarter cup butter or margarine, ½ cup chopped, blanched almonds; 1 pound frozen perch fillets, thawed; salt and pepper, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 tablespoon salt, 3 quarts boiling water, 8 ounces wide egg noodles (about 4 cups).

Melt butter or margarine; add almonds and cook over medium heat until browned. Remove almonds. Sprinkle perch with salt, pepper and lemon juice; pan-fry in almond butter until browned on both sides.

Meanwhile, add 1 tablespoon salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add noodles so that water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender.

Drain in colander. Combine noodles and almonds; mix well.

Arrange noodle mixture and fish on serving dish; sprinkle with chopped parsley, if desired.

## These Patterns Free!



**LAYETTE LOVELIES**—Pick a number from one to ten, and it is sure to be a lucky choice for baby if you are figuring on one of these layette items. Any of the ten baby gifts, handmade by you, will give your favorite cherub a beautiful beginning. For your selection are: dainty edgings for slip and dress; a crocheted bib appliqued with cunning bunnies; filet crochet animal insertions for crib sheet and pillow slip; a huggable, clown toy; a diagonally striped, knit cardigan; a pom-pom trimmed bunting; knitted soakers and bottle warmer; an afghan made of crocheted blocks, and a three-piece sacque set. The directions for making ALL TEN BABY GIFTS may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of The Record, 132 W. 43rd St., New York City 36, and requesting Leaflet No. C-84.

## Cavil-Cade

By LES FINNEGAN

• IN KEY WEST, FLA., Hal Michaels, retired member of the CIO Auto Workers Union, is convinced labor unity is in the cards. What happened to him recently is an omen, he said. On a fishing trip into the Gulf of Mexico he hooked the largest fish in his 12 years of deep-water fishing. When he took it home and his wife cut it open she discovered an AFL Carpenters Union lapel button in the fish's stomach.

• IN ST. PAUL, MINN., the vice-president of a metal processing firm shocked other executives attending a big business meeting by departing from his prepared script and letting his hair down. "I want to warn you about one thing," said the vice-president. "If you have a son and you want him to inherit or grow up in your business, don't, DON'T fall for that old nonsense about starting him from the bottom and letting him work up so he'll learn the business. That can be the most dangerous step you ever took in your life; I know because I'm getting it in the neck right now. I brought my son into the firm as soon as he finished college and I insisted that he do what I did—start at the bottom, at the furnaces and welding. But I forgot something; there wasn't any union when I started up through the company; now there is. My boy got into the union as soon as he started working on the furnaces. Now he's on the union executive board and negotiating committee, and as a result I'm going to have to offer the union a 10c-an-hour across-the-board increase instead of the 5c I had planned. And do you know why, gentlemen? Not because my son is negotiating with me, but because he knows our real profits and financial situation."



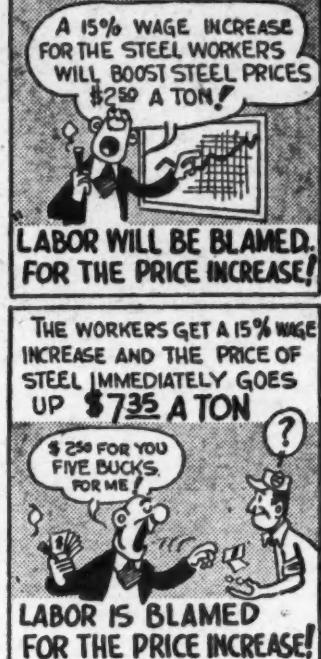
**PILGRIM STYLE?** About the only thing the early settlers who started the Thanksgiving holiday would recognize in this picture is the hat. Warner's posed Barbara Nichols for Thanksgiving but this outfit will be a little cool then.

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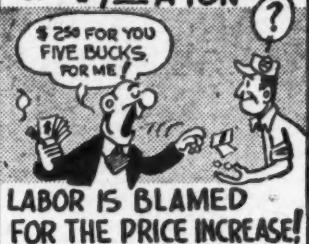
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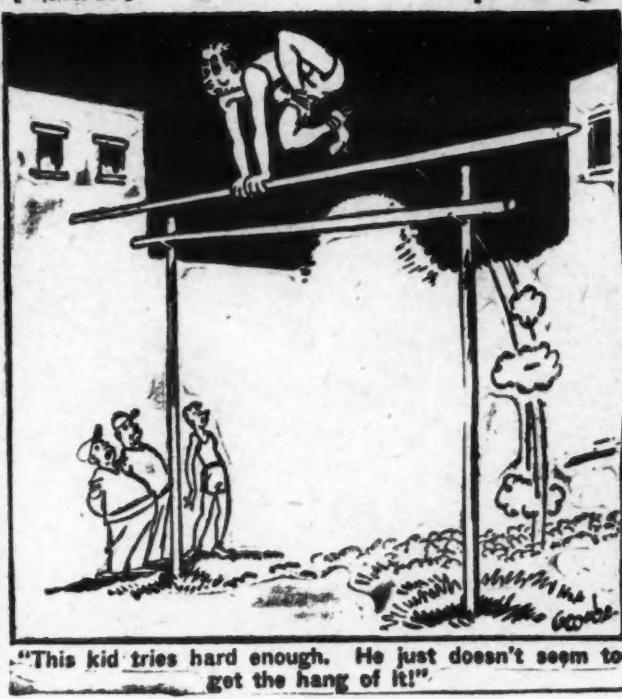


THE WORKERS GET A 15% WAGE INCREASE AND THE PRICE OF STEEL IMMEDIATELY GOES UP \$735 A TON



LABOR IS BLAMED FOR THE PRICE INCREASE!

### Ticklers



By George

### DAFFY-NATIONS



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YOU SHOULD OF SEEN WHAT THAT DUMB DOG OF MINE DID YESTERDAY

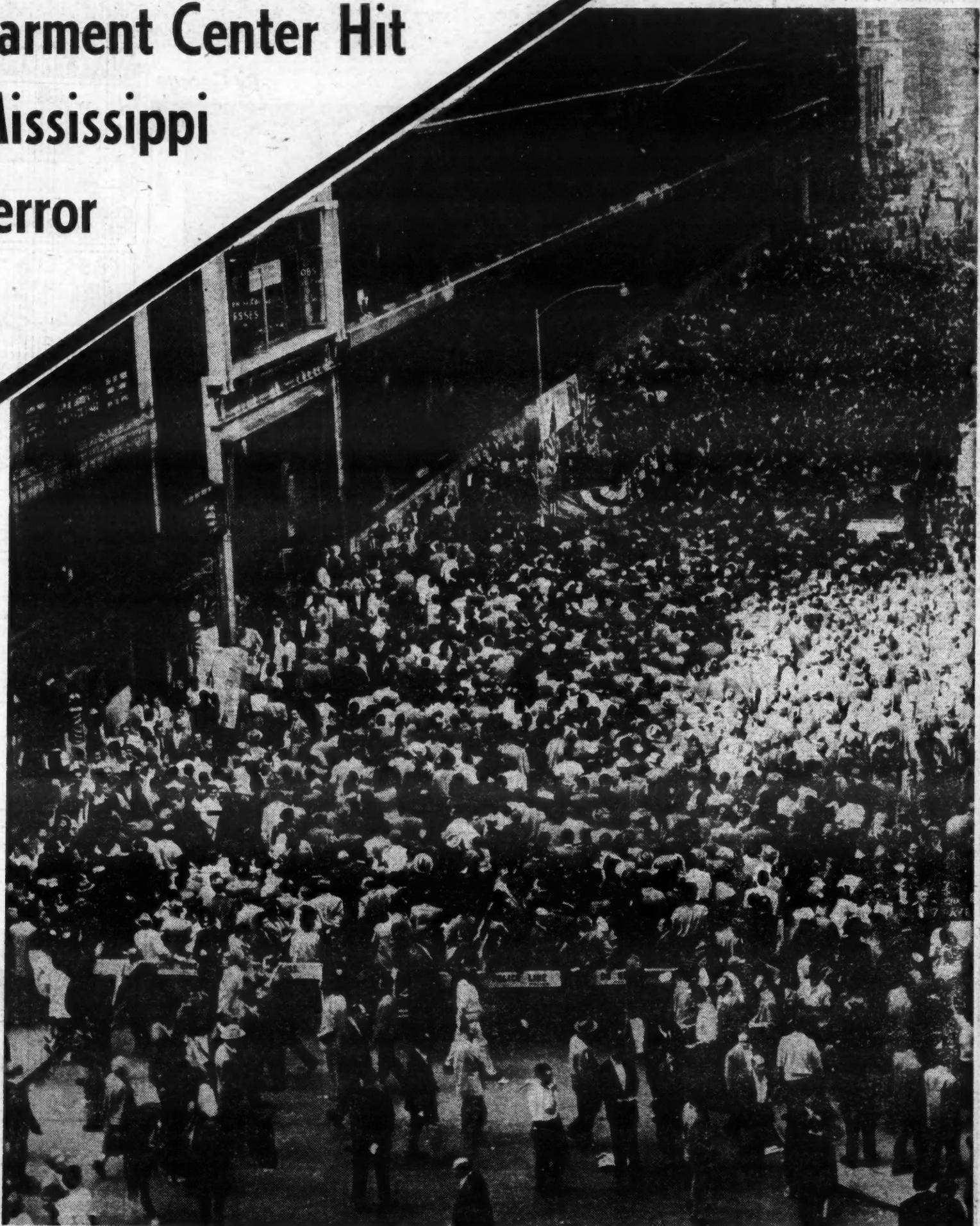


THEY'RE EATING DINNER IN TOWN!

### PEGGY



# 20,000 at Labor Rally in Garment Center Hit Mississippi Terror



PART OF THRONG that filled 36th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues on Oct. 11 is shown above. Rally was sponsored by District 65, National Ass'n for Advancement of Colored People, and Jewish Labor Committee to protest murder of Emmett Till and other lynchings in Mississippi. Fully half of crowd at meeting was made up of 65ers who flocked in from all parts of city to attend giant noon-hour demonstration. Many garment workers and others in area also participated in greatest meeting New York has ever seen in years. (See stories and photos on Pages 5, 1-A, 2-A, 3-A and 4-A.)